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EDITORIAL

How to Get a Commission — In Three Easy Lessons!

So you want a commission. (And who doesn't?) Of course you know that after a ten-mile hike you'd probably drop dead, but if that didn't kill you, the surprise that you had survived would. But what of it? It's better to be embalmed than to fight this war in the S O S. Write your Congressman, write the Senators, write MacArthur, write Roosevelt if you want to. We'll wager that you get enough of those "fill-this-in-and-let's-forget-it" forms to paper the house. They ought to print them on colored paper to relieve the monotony. So ends Lesson one.

The next step is to petition anybody who knows anybody who is anybody. By the time you find that legendary Bird and present your sad case, you'll be convinced you aren't such-a-much. Experience teaches, but experience is just as valuable a quality in making you desirable in this conflict as a firecracker in back of a cannon. You can face them with a "Do-or-die" glint in your eye only to be confronted with a sympathetic, "Now, now, my little man, you've done your bit." Or you might actually get a rise out of one of them who says — "Another one of those --- ---- ---? Tell him to get to ---- out of here, in a nice way, of course!"

Lesson two is on the books; still with us? Part three is where you really "go to town". Get indignant as hell. Tell the bunch of them to go to the same choice locale. Take a few lessons from the lady of the house in fluency of speech, and really let them have it. This is a free country, and you want to preserve your rights, freedom of speech included. You are sick and tired of listening to every crackpot on the radio and in the newspapers telling how to fight a war. Tell them how we won OUR war, and intimate that the nearest they ever got to a war was from a vantage point in the third balcony watching the newsreels! Assure them that if you were in this scrap, MacArthur might be helpful, but not altogether necessary. Tell them that the weak spots in our Defense are not located solely in unprotected areas; rather they are the vacuums between the ears of thick-skulled lamebrains who haven't outgrown their BB guns yet! By this time your draft number will have come up, and you will wake up some day to discover that you are back in the Army again, *a Buck Private* in the rear rank!

WE'RE EXPECTING YOU IN SPRINGFIELD

By Julian T. Martindale

For the first time since the 52nd Brigade marched away on its journey to France to be followed successively by men of the 103rd Machine Gun Battalion, 101st Headquarters Train and Military Police, 101st Supply and 101st Ammunition Train, Western Massachusetts is to be host to the 26th (Yankee) Division, A.E.F.

Twenty-five years ago Western Massachusetts knew all these men. Then, they were just boys, the majority in their 'teens. They had come from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island as members of the National Guard. At Camp Bartlett, on the broad sandy plains north of Westfield, Mass., they became part and parcel of the 26th Division. And so, in the annual YD re-union in Springfield in June it will be more than just another get together, important as this is. It will be a second homecoming.

To approximately half the original members of the Yankee Division, it will be an opportunity to renew old friendships, to revisit old scenes. To the others it will be a chance to know what real hospitality of the Western Massachusetts brand can be, and how deeply the YD of 1917-18 has become embedded in public consciousness.

Just as a quarter of a century ago the cities and towns of the four western Bay State counties went all out for its soldier sons, so too, in this re-union year of 1942, with Springfield, the convention city, as the focal point, these same cities and towns are going to provide something to make the occasion memorable.

True, the United States is at war. True also, many YD veterans are engaged in the vital processes of an all out struggle. It may be a bit more difficult to get the necessary time to attend. War workers of today have an important job. But the job is no more important in these days of crisis than the need to close up the ranks and show that veterans, especially those who faced the common enemy 25 years ago, are still mindful of that service given so freely then, and the sacrifices willingly faced today.

If the Connecticut Valley from its upper reaches to the Sound was an Arsenal of Democracy in 1917, it is more so now. It is doubtful if in any other similar area anywhere in the United States there is a section more vital to war production. No better illustration to the hundreds of thousands of workers of what it means to have served — to be a veteran — can be given than through the serious purposes of the YD Veterans' Association business sessions or its public appearances at the coming convention. From every angle the convention and re-union will serve to build a new type of worker morale for production and victory.

Seriousness aside, this year's gathering at Springfield is really going to be something to remember. From Thursday, June 25, until the re-union closes June 28, if there is a dull moment it will not be the fault of Dennis J. Brunton and his associates on the Convention Corporation Committees. For months they have been devoting untold time and energy to the task. Now the results are beginning to show.

Every unit in the Yankee Division is represented on the general committee or its various subdivisions. And there is something for every veteran or every member of his family who takes advantage of the opportunity provided by the 1942 program.

Advance registrations have been exceptional. The convention corporation is fortunate in having the experience of 104th Infantry members successful in carrying out annual regimental reunions since 1919, to fall back upon. They have been through the mill, know what it is all about, and in the YD convention there will be no mistakes.

Without too much detail, every YD veteran knows the timetable, here is what is offered. Thursday, the opening day there will be registration, and in the evening in the Springfield Auditorium, a real show. This will be included in the convention registration fee without charge. Benjamin E. Johnson is chairman of the entertainment committee and has put together a program that will include stars of stage and screen in a series of headline name acts that promises to set a new high in convention productions. This entertainment will be open to the public also. The Auditorium seats 3500 people, but it is a Broadway and Hollywood production from beginning to end. The Corporation told Ben to go the limit, and he has.

Friday will bring the business sessions, and

the horribles parade, always a YD convention feature. Prizes, of course, for everything from advance registrations until taps end the 1942 re-union. Friday evening the annual ball takes place in the Auditorium. Name band? Most certainly. None other than Vincent Lopez and his music.

Saturday, election of officers, and drum corps competition concluding business sessions. In the afternoon a parade. Short, snappy — something that will be remembered. The parade committee knows that the pavements are not quite so soft as they were back *when*. Therefore they have arranged a parade route that is 98 per cent downhill and not much distance in the straightaway. Re-union dinners will take place Saturday night.

Then there is another event not to be overlooked scheduled for Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Like the ball this is also included with the registration. In fact, to registered veterans and YD members everything is as free as air. This is the clambake. The place is Riverside Park, less than five miles from the city on the shores of the Connecticut.

There will be souvenirs, informal gatherings, plenty to do, much to see and something to provide interest, fun, amusement. And if anyone doubts the serious purpose behind the frivolity and entertainment, all that is necessary is to follow proceedings of the business sessions.

Sunday morning, June 28, the convention will close with a Memorial Service in Forest Park. This will be conducted by one of the best loved chaplains of the Yankee Division, Rev. George S. L. Connor. As a priest from Pittsfield, Mass., he came to the Division while troops were at Camp Bartlett at the invitation of Maj. Gen. William C. Hayes, then commanding the 104th Infantry. Later he was commissioned and served throughout the war as chaplain of the 101st Headquarters Train and Military Police.

But more than all these things, there will be that once a year opportunity to meet and mingle with men you know, those with whom you served, those with whom you have a common bond and which no one can ever take away, World War service with the Yankee Division.

The names may be different today. The war map has changed. But the story is the same, with this exception. Chemin des Dames, Laffaux, Chavignon, Mont des Singes, Apremont, Seicheprey, Mont Sec, Xivray- Marvoisin, Humbert Plantation, Rouyamiex, Boucq, Liffol le Grand, Beaumont, Belleau Wood, Torcy, Belleau, Givry, Bouresches, Vaux, Etrepilly, Hill 190 and Hill 193, Trugny, Epieds, St. Mihiel, Les Eparges, Vigneulles, St. Maurice, Wadonville, St. Hilaire, Marcheville-Riaville, Haumont, le Huppy Bois, Bois Ormont, Flabas, Jumelle-Orme and Verdun — these with others belong to the veterans of the Yankee Division. No one ever can take away the memories, the privations, the glory and tradition that belong to each.

For these reasons, if for no other, this convention and every gathering of YD men becomes a notable event. Bearing such facts in mind and also the opportunity the 1942 re-union offers to renew old friendships and revisit familiar scenes, the Convention Committee repeats its invitation. Come to Springfield on June 25, 26, 27 and 28.

JULIAN T. MARTINDALE,
Publicity Chairman.

WAR PRODUCTION BOARD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 14, 1942

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Major Leonard J. Maloney
P. O. Box 17
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Major Maloney:

I have your letter of April 10, in which you inform me that the General Clarence R. Edwards Commission has decided that in view of the urgent need for copper for war production purposes, it will place the 1,500 pounds of bronze purchased last year and now at the Mario Scoma Foundry, Brooklyn, New York, at the disposal of the War Production Board and in consequence will post-pone its plans for using this material in the casting of a statue of General Edwards.

Please extend to the members of the Commission my thanks for this act of patriotism on their part and my appreciation of their very cooperative attitude.

Very truly yours,

Sidney F. Tyler
Administrator of Copper Conservation
Order M-9-c

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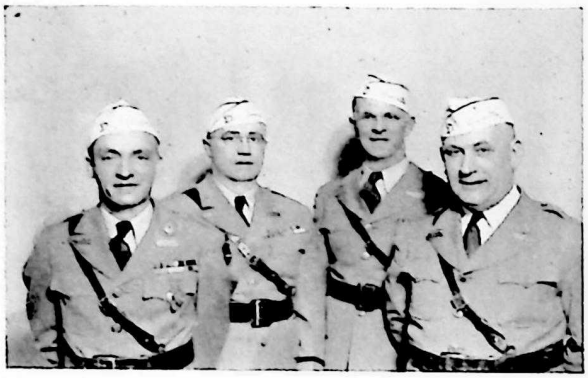

Convention Military Ball Committee, left to right, Roy Coons, Leo P. Jacques, Earl Chapman, John Lowe.

NEW HAVEN CHAPTER HAS ACE MEDICAL UNIT

Characterized by members of the New Haven County Medical Society as one of the best demonstrations of first aid they had ever seen put on by laymen, an exhibition by Mobile First Aid Unit No. 1 of the New Haven Defense Council gave six members of New Haven Chapter a chance to show what they had learned in a year of conscientious study. Headed by Past Commander John T. Dillon, the unit worked with precision and efficiency before a critical audience of several hundred doctors and nurses in the auditorium of the Medical Society Building in New Haven on April 16.

In addition to Past Commander Dillon the members of the demonstration unit were Past Commander Fred Hirsch, Commander Albert W. Smith, Henry Noder, George Wise and Carmen Nuzzo.

No Doubt

The magistrate looked over the top of his glasses at the prisoner, and then back at the constable giving evidence.

"I understand," he said, "that you found the accused lying in a horse-trough in the public square. What further evidence have you to offer that he was drunk?"

"Just this, sir," said the constable, producing an empty whisky bottle. "It was floating beside him and inside it was a message, 'Wrecked off Bull's Head. One survivor.'" — Montreal Star.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

May 4, 1942

DEPT. OF ME.	
Cumberland	8
Farmington	6
Lewiston	6
Waterville	19
At Large	18
	57
DEPT. OF N. H.	
Concord	0
Franklin	0
Keene	18
Manchester	2
Nashua	28
Rochester	0
Triangle	22
At Large	7
	77
DEPT. OF VT.	
Brattleboro	4
Burlington	0
Montpelier-Barre	3
Rutland	0
St. Albans	0
Morrisville	0
At Large	3
	10
DEPT. OF MASS.	
Beverly	13
Boston	251
Concord	27
Brockton	3
Danvers	0
Fitchburg	52
Foxboro	3
Haverhill	30
Holyoke	0
Lawrence	7
Lowell	16
Lynn	67
Marlboro	0
Milford	21
New Bedford	70
Reading	9
Salem	12
Springfield	47
Worcester	50
At Large	33
	711
DEPT. OF R. I.	
Apremont	135
Kent County	33
Providence	39
At Large	0
	207
DEPT. OF CONN.	
Bridgeport	0
Bristol	102
Hartford	81
Manchester	20
Meriden	23
Middletown	26
New Britain	10
New Haven	54
New London	11
Norwalk	12
Stamford	14
Terryville	0
Torrington	0
Valley	4
Wallingford	0
Waterbury	0
Willimantic	20
At Large	2
	379
DEPT. OF U. S.	
Chicago	11
Cleveland	18
Denver	0
Detroit	1
Los Angeles	5
New York	36
Philadelphia	11
Washington	13
Life Members	37
At Large	63
GRAND TOTAL	1636

TWO UNIFORMS FOR SALE

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War is NOT hell! This beautiful thing is Karole Singer, who will sing at the Convention Ball with Vincent Lopez Orchestra.

Strike Up the Band

By "Kay"

We appeal to the guy in Tin Pan Alley,
The musician who has left us flat . . .
Please give us the songs with some spirit,
No more mush — we're tired of that.

To you who gave us the peppy tunes
That stood by us in '17 —
How about some of the bouncy songs
That you used to write by the ream?

While sweet things like "Miss You" are dandy,
We can't even imagine it's true
That marching to it could give us the thrills
That "Yankee Doodle" used to.

"The White Cliffs of Dover" is touching,
But for us in the U. S. A.
We prefer "Keep the Home Fires Burning",
Won't you help us — what do you say?

A German or Jap would sit back and laugh
If they heard us croon "Rose O'Day" —
Give us a fighting song for fighting men —
And we'll give you a peace that will stay.

Convention's Final Appeal

SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION Y.D.V.A., Inc.
Hotel Charles, 1757 Main Street
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

April 28, 1942

Dear Comrade:

This is my final appeal to you as Chairman of the Registration Committee to send in your Advance Registration along with Two Dollars at once. As you know the Dead Line for Registration at Two Dollars is Monday, May 25, 1942.

There are several reasons why you should Register in Advance, but I think that the two important ones are as follows:

1. Reservations for all Hotels must be made through the Convention Corporation Committee (Edward Lund, Chairman). No Reservations for Hotels will be accepted unless Registration is paid. (Registration receipt will be mailed upon receipt of your application and fee.)

2. Your Chapter has an opportunity of winning one of the Cash prizes offered to the Chapter sending in the largest number of Advance Registrations. Namely First Prize, $50, and Second Prize, $25. And believe me Comrade that ain't hay.

I would also like to urge the Ladies to Register as the Convention Corporation has many pleasant surprises in store for the fair sex, who Register.

I might also add that it will be necessary for anyone attending any of the Activities planned by the Convention Corporation, to have tickets in order to gain admittance, and tickets will be found in the Registration Envelope.

Guest Registrations are also in order. Your Chapter Commander has plenty of Advance Registration Blanks on hand, but if you need more just drop us a line.

So Keep 'Em Flying, Keep 'Em Rolling, and Keep sending in those Advance Registrations.

Yours in comradeship,

ROSWELL F. PATCH,
1757 Main Street,
Hotel Charles,
Springfield, Mass.
Chairman of Registration.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

Miss Anne Manning, lovely majorette, is just another reason why you should register today for your national convention. After taking another look at her we are of the opinion you don't need another reason for attending.

YD NATIONAL CONVENTION — SPRINGFIELD, MASS., JUNE 25-6-7-8

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE Y.D.V.A.

To all members of the YD Veterans Association:

Your Nominating Committee met in the YD Memorial Clubhouse, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass., on Sunday, April 19, 1942 and selected the following candidates for election to office at the Twenty-third Annual Convention in Springfield, Mass., on June 25, 26, 27 and 28.

FOR THE OFFICE OF

National Commander
BENJAMIN A. BOURN, (101st M.G.B.)
(Hartford Chapter, Dept. of Conn.)

National Chaplain
Rev. THOMAS F. TEMPLE, (Hdqrs. Train)
(New York Chapter, Dept. U. S.)

National Treasurer
L. H. REDFIELD (101st Engineers)
(Boston Chapter, Dept. of Mass.)

National Judge Advocate
GEORGE M. FRENCH (104th Inf.)
(Nashua Chapter, Dept. of N. H.)

National Historian
JOHN J. GOSS (103rd Ambulance Co.)
(Hartford Chapter, Dept. of Conn.)

National Americanization Officer
DAVID SWARTZ (102nd Ambulance Co.)
(Detroit Chapter, Dept. of U. S.)

National Service Officer
FRANK W. COPPINGER (101st Engineers)
(Boston Chapter, Dept. of Mass.)

National Vice Commander for Maine
JAMES E. MCMAHON, (103rd Inf.)
(Waterville Chapter, Dept. of Maine)

National Vice Commander for N. H.
MICHAEL ZALUKI, (103rd Inf.)
(Keene Chapter, Dept. of N. H.)

National Vice Commander for Vermont
ALFRED E. ROBERTS, (103rd Inf.)
(Rutland Chapter, Dept. of Vt.)

National Vice Commander for Rhode Island
JOSEPH L. BOURGET, (103rd M.G.B.)
(Apremont Chapter, Dept. of R. I.)

National Vice Commander for Massachusetts
LEON W. VARNAM, (101st F.A.)
(Lynn Chapter, Dept. of Mass.)

National Vice Commander for Connecticut
Awaiting approval of state dept.

National Vice Commander for Dept. U. S.
WILLIAM A. FORSYTHE, (103rd M.G.B.)
(Philadelphia Chapter, Dept. of U. S.)

Three Additional Members
National Executive Committee

JOHN W. DUNLAP, (104th F.A.)
(Manchester Chapter, Dept. of N. H.)

PAUL L. HUTCHINS, (103rd Inf.)
(Washington Chapter, Dept. of U. S.)

RANDOLPH DARLING, (103rd F.A.)
(Apremont Chapter, Dept. of R. I.)

Above candidates respectfully submitted:
AUSTIN F. APPLEBY, Chairman, (Mass.)
LAWRENCE H. COOK, (R. I.)
JOHN W. DUNLAP, (N. H.)
EDGAR F. MILLER, (Conn.)
J. FRED SHAW, (Maine)
WILLIAM H. CUDWORTH, (Vt.)
JOSEPH C. MCGLONE, (U. S.)

The above slate of officers selected for presentation at the National Convention to be held in Springfield, Mass. were chosen after serious deliberation by the Nominating Committee.

Several names were put before the committee for discussion and it might be said that each and every name presented would have been an ideal leader for the Y.D.V.A. However only one man can be chosen and the problem before the committee was to select the right one. Therefore care and time were taken to bring forth qualifications of each and thrash out a final decision.

We believe we have succeeded in presenting a man for our new National Commander who will prove our judgment was sound.

In selecting Vice Commanders from the various depts. in each case the man is previously selected by his dept. and therefore the Nominating Committee confirms the selection.

The Nominating Committee accepts the suggestion of the 1941 Nominating Committee to the effect that the office of National Historian should be made permanent.

We hope the slate of candidates selected meets with the approval of the members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association.

— AUSTIN APPLEBY, P.N.C.
Chairman.

YD Sons in the Service

Pvt. First Class Louis J. Marcoux
78th Bombing Squadron
Son of Joseph L. Marcoux, Co. A, 103rd MGBn.

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Son of Stephen L. Torok, Co. D, 102nd Inf.

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Down the Company Street

Government men claim they must have rubber, and among the uses, they list barrage balloons. Why don't they confiscate some of the balloons floating around in Women's Civilian Defense uniforms? In that way, the country would be well protected, we'd be more civil, and whatta relief!

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The Difference Between "Set" and "Sit"

A gentleman who was asked to illustrate the difference between "sit" and "set" recently remarked: "The United States is a country on which the sun never sets, and the rest of the world never sits."

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Freedom of the Sea

Girls when they went out to swim
Once dressed like Mother Hubbard;
Now they have a bolder whim,
They dress more like her cupboard.

—:—:—

A Soldier's Acknowledgment

"Socks received, lady; some fit;
I wear one for a helmet, and one for a mitt.
I hope to meet you when I've done my bit;
But where on earth, lady, did you learn to knit?"

"Len" Maloney Take a Bow!

This country of ours is filled with people who spend most of their time preaching what we should do to help our collective war effort.

It took Len Maloney to practice what many only preach. He relinquished his priority on the bronze for the statue of General Edwards, all of you know just how dear that project is to the YD, and 1500 pounds of it will be sent where it will do the most good.

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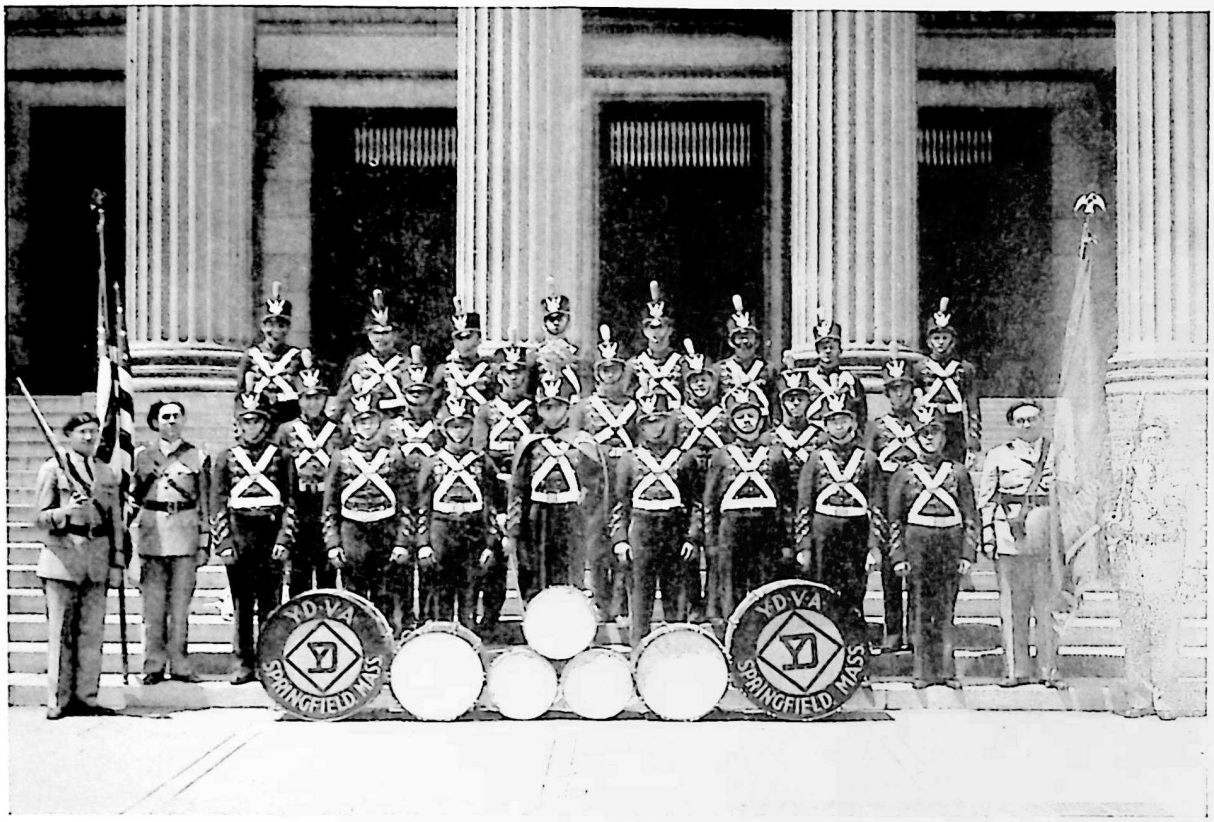

Ready for the Big Parade

CHAPTER SECRETARIES CAME THROUGH FOR THIS ISSUE

If we ever open our big, fat mouth to inquire whether anyone reads DOINGS you are hereby privileged to deliver one swift kick where it will do the most good.

An appeal was made in April DOINGS asking all secretaries to send in something on their chapter and this issue proves conclusively that the boys came through beautifully. We miss reports we had hoped to get from Marlboro, Philadelphia, Manchester, N. H., California, to mention a few, but we are certain there is a good reason for their failure to arrive.

TAPS COLUMN DISGRACE TO YDVA

When one of our boys takes the long trail the least we can do is to reverently proclaim to the members still living that John Doe, of a certain outfit, on a certain date, in a certain town, in a certain state was taken to his last resting place. With it should be a few words indicating what he had done for a living or anything you feel might be of interest to men of his old outfit. There are so many comrades who unthinkingly mail in a clipping from an obituary column, little realizing that there is no date, no town, etc. Take a look at this month's "Taps" column. It speaks for itself.

HOSTESSES HAIL HEROES

Mrs. Dennis J. Brunton, Chairman of hostesses for the YD Convention has chosen Mrs. Thomas Crokan, Honorary Chairman, Mrs. Robert Beach, Mrs. Veronica Chapman, Mrs. Benjamin Johnson, Mrs. Julian Martindale, Mrs. Roswell Patch and Mrs. Harry Valentine to act as Hostesses for the visiting Registered women at the Convention.

A get acquainted party is being arranged for Thursday afternoon and all women are urged to register as soon as possible. Plans are also being made to take care of entertaining the women during the Reunion Dinners Saturday evening.

I Am An American

DAVID SWARTZ
National Americanism Officer
Yankee Division Veterans Association

Just what does it mean to say: "I Am An American"? For one hundred and sixty-four years, hundreds, thousands, and millions of people have repeated these words. During periods of strife when the nation was engaged in war the emotions of the people gave forth in exhaltation that warmth which embraced the low and the high and exemplified the brotherhood of man. When a period of economic stress laid its heavy burden upon the people of the nation the same people who immediately preceding this crisis were likened to kindred souls now found that feeling of warmth dissipated and sharp words, harsh words, and expressions of hatred for fellow comrades and citizens became prevalent. Though in reply one may find excuses for such conduct still the words, "I AM AN AMERICAN" apply to all alike and one wonders in what way Americans have changed that make one different than the other and gives rise to the thought as to who is to blame when such differences occur. Certainly the Constitution of the United States and the very important Bill of Rights incorporated in it do not give cause for such conduct towards fellow citizens. It certainly isn't the policy of the government to differentiate between one and the other. It is the un-American who infringes upon the right of Free Speech to bring about for personal gain, or satisfaction, a disrupting influence that endeavors to tear away the inherent rights of birth and freedom from Americans by distortion of facts and false accusations.

One may be born in the "Land of the Free' and still be false to his country and the high ideals for which the country was created and yet loudly acclaim that he is an American and be exactly truthful in stating so but is this in accord with the natural and average person's thought of what "I AM AN AMERICAN" means!

It appears self-evident that in the United States there are far too many people who believe that no one can be an American unless they are exactly as they themselves think and this in itself is as un-American a thought as any foreigner may entertain for in the United States there isn't any marked division differentiating between one American and another.

Those who feel in the very depths of their hearts that they are Americans enjoy the complete compensation for so believing as they act as they feel and hold no room in mind or heart for aught else. If fate so decreed that a person was born of a particular race of people they have the right, and justly so, to be proud of that race for there is something in all races that gives them the right and the honor to have such pride but when so born it doesn't make them any more of an American than their religion or creed for no one becomes an American unless he became so under the laws of the nation that states who shall and who shall not be one.

Laws may decree who is an American but laws cannot instill the love for country, the Flag, the love for freedom, or the willingness to lay down one's life for his nation's cause.

WE WANT MORE BANDS, MORE DRUM CORPS, MORE UNITS IN LINE THAN EVER BEFORE. PLAN TO ENTER NOW!

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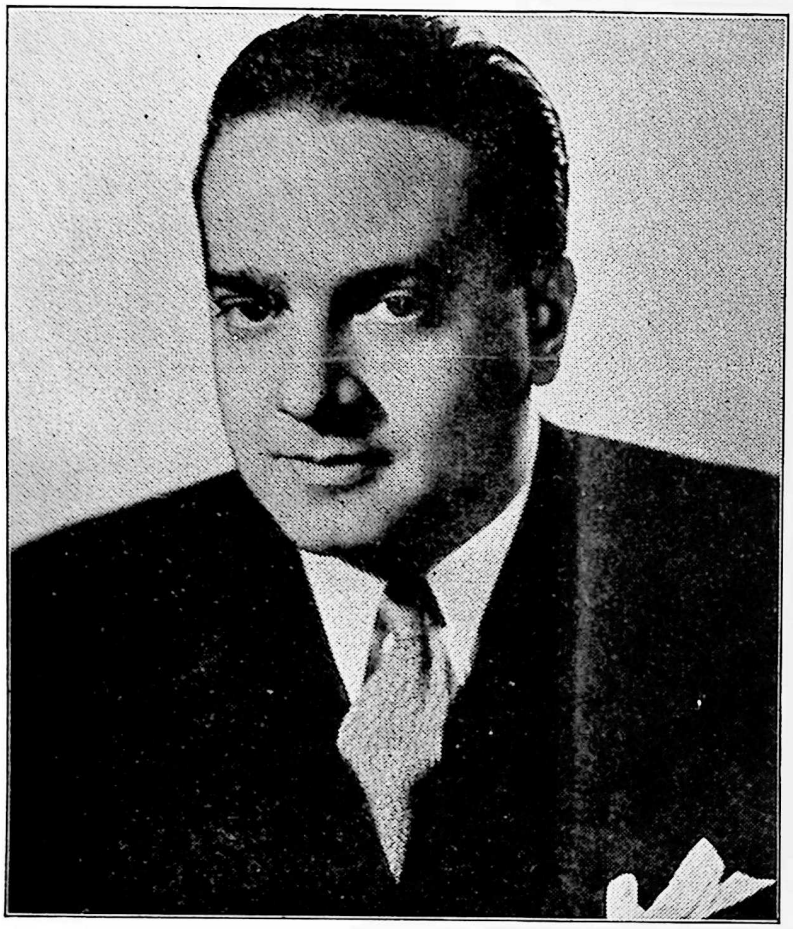
VINCENT LOPEZ AND HIS ORCHESTRA TO PLAY AT THE CONVENTION MILITARY BALL



Your convention committee has spared no expense in getting the best there is in musical entertainment for the Convention ball, the thought being that for the women who attend the convention, the ball is the highlight of the visit to Springfield. Now that we're older, and somewhat tamer, there is every good reason to see to it that your wife and children plan to attend with you.

To get back to the music, we feel sure that readers will rejoice at the selection of the orchestra by the committee. Vincent Lopez, is assuredly world-famous and his "Keys to Rhythm" orchestra will feature its piano-playing maestro and that lovely and glorious singer, Karole Singer, whose splendid voice has been heard over the airways so often.

The program has been so planned that there will be plenty of the kind of music YOU like!

THE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT, Y.D.V.A.

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GENERAL JOHN HENRY "Machine Gun" PARKER

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Tickets — $1.50 Per Person

Comrades, Your Commander Has Tickets For This Affair

All Reservations Must Be Made By — June 7th, 1942 ! !

Get Your Tickets Now

Let's Not Fail the "Old Man"

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

8.30 A. M. — 10 P. M. Registration, Hotel Charles.

12 M. Presentation of Keys by Mayor to National Commander.

2 P. M. Business Meeting, Hotel Charles.

8 P. M. YD-1942 Broadway Review — Auditorium.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

8.30 A. M. — 10 P. M. Registration, Hotel Charles.

10 A. M. Business Meeting, Hotel Charles.

3 P. M. Clambake, Riverside Park.

7.30 P. M. Horrible Parade.

9 P. M. — 2 A. M. Military Ball, Auditorium Music — Vincent Lopez.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

8.30 A. M. Registration, Hotel Charles.

10 A. M. Business Meeting, Auditorium.

10 A. M. Drum Corps Competition.

2.30 P. M. Parade.

6 P. M. Past National Commanders' Dinner and Reception for Invited Guests.

7 P. M. Reunion Dinners and Auxiliary Party.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

10 A. M. Memorial Services, At Forest Park.

A. P. O.

CHARLIE MALLEY of F Co., 101st Eng., is now an outside night guard at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

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A. F. HEFFERNAN, F Co., 101st Eng., can be reached at USVA, Waukesha, Wisconsin and he would like very much to hear from men in his old outfit.

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BOB POLAND, Military Police, has been called back to active duty and commissioned a first lieutenant in the MP's at Camp Edwards. He's one of Major DEE's boys at Concord (Mass.) Reformatory and the major states a better chap never breathed.

"CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS"

"YD Annual Costume Parade"

Of course, I'm going to the YD Convention in Springfield, on June 25, 26, 27, 28. Sure it's hard for me to get away, but this will in all probability be the only time off I'll have this summer. I'm sure I'll meet a lot of my old Buddies, who will feel the same way about vacations this year — YD National for me.

The committee understands how hard it is to get away from war work at this time, and are doing all they can to make your stay here a pleasant one. Something doing every minute.

In your home town you have no time to toss your cares away, and act, shall we say unconventional, but here at the YD Convention we are having a costume parade, just so you can let your hair down, (if you have any) join in the fun and possibly win one of the many prizes.

This parade takes place on Friday the 26th at 7.30 P. M. and is expected to be one of the largest yet held at a YD Convention. How about getting some of the gang together and dressing up in, what have you, or if you prefer an individual outfit, that will be O. K.

Help yourself to a good time by taking part in it. Write the committee chairman as soon as possible if you are to take part. It will help him and yourself in making this parade and convention a success.

— Chairman HARRY G. VALENTINE,
1035 Sumner Ave., Springfield, Mass.

REGISTER AND RESERVE ROOMS FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

If you haven't registered, or if you need hotel reservations and haven't made them, look at page 35 of April DOINGS. It has a hotel list with rates and June 25th is just a few weeks away.

The Salem Radio Tube Works should be able to hold its own when the veterans there ask who won the war. They have the following YD men there to contend with: FRANK MARCHANT of B Battery, Sgt. ALEC WALLACE of Hdqrs., TED O'CONNELL who was Sgt. Major, LOUIS WHEELOCK in the Chicago office was a Sgt. in E Battery and LARRY GAGE was in Battery F.

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"NATION ENDANGERED" VIGNEULLES CHAPTER HEARS

Stern warning that not only veterans of the last war but thousands of others seemingly fail to realize that this country is engaged in an all-out war and that the possibility of Waterbury being bombed by Axis air raiders is far from remote, was sounded by Mayor Vincent A. Scully at the 24th anniversary dinner-dance of Vigneulles post, Yankee Division Veterans' association, April 18, at The Elton. Mayor Scully said veterans of the last war were under fire, saw what havoc and devastation war brings and yet there are some who are not yet giving as much of their time and efforts toward winning this war as they should.

The mayor, himself a veteran of the first World War when his late father, Martin Scully was mayor of Waterbury, stated that times have changed since 24 years ago, the tempo has speeded and while then 5,500 men left for war duties there was no fear or trepidation except in the hearts of those who had soldiers or sailors in service. Today, "in this war of survival, everyone in Waterbury or Australia is constantly aware he is in the war area.

Rev. Roger B. T. Anderson, rector of Trinity Episcopal church and State Chaplain of the Y. D. V. A. recalled Shakespeare's quotation, "Some people are born great; others have greatness thrust upon them," and proceeded to show how the little French town of Seicheprey had greatness thrust upon it when the 26th Division arrived there 24 years ago and thrust the Bosche back to his lines. Seicheprey today is a symbol to thousands of veterans, he said. It was there the Yankee Division began its greatness. "We all know of the brave, heroic deeds achieved by the YD at Seicheprey and of the division's subsequent heroic record," he said.

Rev. Anderson paid a glowing tribute to the late Gen. Clarence Edwards, "Daddy" of the Yankee Division, the 102nd Infantry, "Machine Gun" Parker and to Col. William J. Shanahan of Waterbury, a captain then in the battle of Seicheprey.

— Capt. Wm. J. Slater.

A. P. O.

Guy Bean, A Co., 102nd MGBn, is recovering from a serious illness at the Phillips House, MGH Hospital, Boston.

A. P. O.

Newton Courtney, 103rd Ambulance, has also gone in as a captain in the press section and is stationed at Washington, D. C. The convention won't seem the same without Newt, his camera, his wife and that four-year-old son in uniform.

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Len Maloney writes that Capt. Anthony Rappa is back in New Haven after getting a physical discharge but Tony has not given up. He swears he'll get back in or die trying.

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Lt. Col. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, of New Haven Chapter is now on active duty in the Surgeon General's office and when he sent in his dues was surprised and pleased to get a round-robin letter back from the gang as well as his membership card. Len Maloney states all YD men in service or on the sick list get round-robins to let them know they're not forgotten.

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Lee Redfield, our Nat. Treasurer, wants it proclaimed from the housetops that someone should give a loud cheer for these chapters who have secured 100% membership this year. They are Epieds at Bristol, Apremont at Pawtucket, Parker at Middletown and Kent County in Rhode Island.

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Our Nat. Chaplain Willard Smith writes that Elsie Janis is at Beverly Hills, Cal., and he also says he has been waiting for some action on his application for a chaplaincy in the army since Jan. 15. YDVA men also in the Legion should get behind the movement which has been started to nominate Willard as Nat. Chaplain of the Am. Legion at the coming convention at New Orleans.

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Linwood S. Gilman, 101st Inf., has just been ordered to active duty in the army as a 1st Lt. With two holes in him from the other guerre he still has the guts to carry on. Just a typical YD man.

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Major Sidney Cook, 103rd Inf., who has been Boston *Herald* correspondent at Camp Edwards with the new YD has been called back to active duty and has reported at the First Corps Area Hdqtrs for duty with the rank of major.

The Editor Reports

Twelve months have zipped by and it seems only yesterday that Austin got us out of bed after midnight to wish on us the job of editor. Now for a few remarks and explanations. We keep out of sight because we feel that the magazine is the thing, not the editor. During the year about to close we've tried to snap up the cover; one in November was particularly good with the flag in duotone, and the one featuring Gen. MacArthur was horrible. An attempt to please everyone has been made by running a quiz column occasionally, the joke column pleases a few and the new column "Down the Company Street" would be much better if you would contribute.

Editorials, which you probably don't read anyway, have ranged from the ridiculous to the sublime and chapter notes have been edited as little as possible, space requirements being the principal factor. Late copy is the major problem, we need an artist badly, but chapters sending in their own cuts to help cut costs have been a great help. Our records indicate that we have saved you $184 by cutting corners without having DOINGS suffer and we hope that you're satisfied. If you aren't, I'll be in Springfield the 25th, unarmed!

— Hap Jules.

A. P. O.

Joseph Peterson, L Co., 104th Inf., who has served as State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the past year has been given additional honors for the coming year. Joe has been elected President of the Affiliated Engineering Societies of New England. A group which comprises fifteen organizations representing the various branches of engineering in New England. With the wonderful job Joe did this year with VFW, we know he will have a very successful year on his new job. Good luck, Joe.

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Col. Irvin E. Doane, Maine, Co. G, is the commander of the 31st Infantry at Bataan who gave the Nips merry hell for months.

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George Wingate, Manchester, N. H. Chapter, will marshal the Memorial Day parade in that city.

BURSTS!

If you have a good one—send it in.

Time to Go

Mother (to small son who is going to a party) —Now, Billy, what will you say when you have had enough to eat?

Small Son—Goodby.—Sheffield Telegraph.

Just Wait

It was her first day at the job, and the new maid was a bit slow in answering the bell. So the master of the house strode into the kitchen. He found her scrubbing the floor.

"You're pretty dirty," he remarked eyeing her soiled apron.

"Yes, sir," she replied coyly, "but I'm prettier clean."—Montreal Star.

Street Scene

The absent-minded professor was walking along with one foot on the sidewalk and the other in the gutter. One of the students saw him and asked, "How are you feeling, professor?"

"Well, I was all right until about 10 minutes ago," the professor replied. "Then I began limping."—Stray Stories.

A. P. O.

Edwin J. Noyes, C Co., 104th Inf., is back in as a Lieutenant in M. I., and Lester J. Cheyne, Co. A, 101st Amm. Train, is also in as a Lt. and has been ordered to Washington.

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Captain Harold N. Dorr, Co. F, 102nd Infantry, was recently promoted to the rank of major at the huge air corps technical school at Keesler Field, Miss. Major Dorr is commanding officer of the 396th Technical School Squadron. Harry was transferred to the Army Air Corps from the 43rd Division after two years' service as regimental intelligence officer.

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A. P. O.

Maj. Ed Miller was tendered a farewell party by Manchester, N. H. Chapter, as he is being transferred to another post and they say the party had all the successful earmarks which characterized the convention. Col. Forrest Drury and John Dunlap, (see you both at Springfield, Editor), both spoke and thanks are in order for Walter Smith and Gene Dugas who helped arrange the party.

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Red Tarr, 101st Eng., is quite proud of the fact that he has a nephew in the service as a corporal in the Anti-Aircraft at Calif., and another is in the Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas.

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Fred D. Brown was operated on for appendicitis by Dr. Joseph K. Surls recently. Either the patient was so healthy or the surgeon was so good that Fred went home after a week. He was seen at the last meeting in close conversation with Ted Schoonmaker, who has lost his appendix too. It turned out to be an organ recital.

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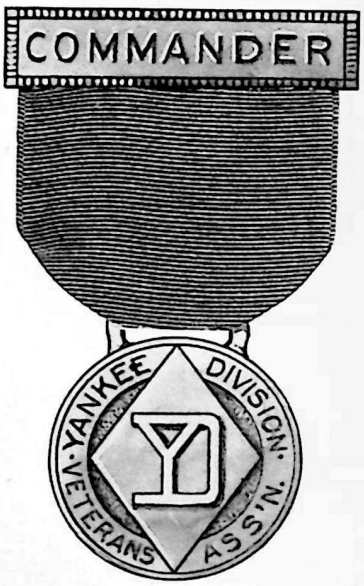

FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS

We are now ready to furnish all Chapters with a complete set of Officers' medals to wear during meetings. Namely Commander, Vice Commanders, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Service Officer. The price for each medal is $1.00 with bar on ribbon denoting office. Order from Sales Dept.

Past Commander

Lapel Button

Rolled Gold $1.50
On Sale Now at YDVA Sales Dept.

OFFICIAL YD LAPEL BUTTON

Do you wear the Official Insignia? Let the world know you belong to the greatest and most exclusive outfit in the country, by wearing the button at all times. When you meet a stranger where do you look first? At his lapel to see if he is wearing a service button and if it is YD, that is all the introduction needed. Buttons may be obtained at National Headquarters for 25 cents each.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander Eliot A. Carter, Elliott St., Nashua, N. H.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Hazen O. Hagar, 28 Maine Ave., Portland, Maine
Dep't. Secretary: Elton P. Walker, 94 Beckett St., Portland, Maine

Cumberland County Auxiliary

The regular business meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Cumberland County Chapter, was held at the home of Mrs. Merritt G. Pride, on Monday evening, April 13, 1942.

We accepted the invitation to attend the May meeting of the Cumberland County Chapter, YDVA, at which time installation of their new officers for the coming year will take place.

Many articles, which we have made for the Red Cross, were turned in at this meeting.

— Secretary Margaret H. Lund.

WATERVILLE

Commander: Alfred Poirier
13 Western Ave., Waterville, Me.
Secretary: James E. McMahon

Let George do it was the motto of the 15 members of the Waterville Chapter who gathered at City Hall, April 23, to elect officers. Practically every man whose name was presented by the nominating committee for election was too busy to serve, so the following who are not "so" busy, accepted, for the most part it was re-election:

Commander, Fred Poirier; Vice Commander, Peter Diambri; Secretary, James E. McMahon; Treasurer, Isaiah W. Dionne; Historian, Archie Pooler; Advisory Committee, Edward P. Tardiff, Lannas Boyd and Raymond L. Giroux.

Membership was the principal theme of the meeting and the Chief reported 17 members paid for 1942. Many have signified their intention of sending in their money by the first of the month and we hope this will remind a few more that this magazine is well worth the $2.50 that it costs to belong to the Waterville chapter.

The boys voted to have a ladies' night in May and set the date for the 21st. Clovis Joseph, Lannas Boyd and Everett Howard were named as the committee in charge.

By the time of the next meeting, the gas rationing plan will be settled and we'll know whether we can make the Springfield Convention or not.

One thing more, the boys want "Pop" Jones to know that that $75 is still in the bank and in fact, we have added a little to it.

— Jim McMahon.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: William Cudworth, R.F.D. No. 1, Brattleboro, Vt.
Dep't. Secretary: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

BRATTLEBORO

Commander: Leon Barnes
75 Oak Grove Ave., Brattleboro, Vt.
Secretary: Nicholas Schultz
Williamsville, Vt.

Windham County Chapter, Brattleboro, Vt., met in the American Legion Rooms, Sunday afternoon, April 26th, 2.30 P. M.

This special meeting was held for the purpose of installing new Chapter officers for ensuing year. Department Commander Bill Cudworth was master of ceremonies. About twenty buddies and ten ladies were present at this meeting. A beautiful day and a swell gang. The new officers are:

Commander, Lyman Barrett; First Vice, Howard Thayer; Second Vice, Nicholas Schultz; Secretary, Charles Langmaid; Treasurer, LeRoy Barry; Chaplain, Billy Gilson; Sergeant-at-Arms, Edward Bergeron; Histo-

rian, LEON BARNES; (Service Officer has not been named); Executive Officers, JOHN BLAKE, JOSEPH FLEMING and ALFRED PICHETTE.

New Commander brought the meeting to order — like the old trusty, the 101st Ammunition train, our new Commander BARRETT disposed of the usual business and important questions in short order. Following this meeting a delicious dinner was served at the Legion Rooms by our cook of old days and our Company Chef AL PICHETTE, assisted by YD Ladies. This was a feed, what I mean, consisting of hamburger loaf, a true Pichette mode, mashed potatoes, pickles, cheese, pie, coffee and soft drinks. I named only few dishes in this delicious menu, as I lost track while enjoying our annual feast. We all regret not to have with us Past Nat. Commanders Major EDGAR MILLER and RAYMOND DOUCETTE of Lynn. We remember these noted Buddies, who so kindly came in that blizzard storm to start our baby chapter on the right foot in true YD spirit and we all hope to see these noted Gentlemen when it will be more convenient for them to make this trip to Vermont. Their presence is enough to revive the old YD spirit.

The Co. C first sergeant reported that 'Shorty' ARTHUR BERNARD has enlisted in State Guard. This is news. The old gang still can take it. It takes more than experts to bag an old sly buck, and so it is with the old soldiers, they have been through it all.

Best wishes to all our armed forces, wherever they may be. God bless them all.

— Sgt. NICK SCHULTZ,
Retiring Secretary.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"
Commander: William Mould
1 King St., Barre, Vt.
Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre, Vt.

Boy, what a surprise, not to see an article from JOE ABAIR in April's DOINGS. Well, fellows, it was not my fault. I wrote my story and sent same to our Editor in March 21, 1942, along with a gallon of Vermont Maple Syrup.

I had received a letter from the Editor and on the envelope it was printed, The Colonial Press, Inc., Clinton, Mass. Thinking that it was his home address I sent them to Clinton, Mass. After several weeks, out of the blue sky, I received a letter wanting to know what in H - ll became of the maple syrup.

You know I did not dare to send the syrup to our Editor in care of the YD Club, Boston, as I was afraid that "Marty" Taylor and the gang would think it was a gallon of alcohol and if they ever opened the can and found Vermont maple syrup it would be gone then. So don't blame me for not having an item from Vermont.

You can bank on the Vermont gang even if you do not hear from them, they will be members just the same. They always were a quiet bunch, you know the kind that keep quiet until something starts and then as a rule they can take care of themselves. So, to whoever is National Commander, we will be with you.

Well, we can take our hats off to the boys who bombed Tokyo. A lot of folks are saying that this war will be over in a year. Sure, Japan can't take it, don't kid yourself it will take more than twenty-nine planes. Here is hoping the day is not too far off when we can go over with say a couple of hundred planes and then you will see those rats run. It would remind one of the old days when a livery stable was on fire, the rats would run then.

While reading the newspaper the other day I ran across the following story which explains what I mean by unity.

You remember reading about the famous Hatfields and McCoys, mountaineer boys of West Virginia, who had been enemies for years and who would shoot each other on sight.

Here is the story. A boy named Cabell Hatfield and Edward Laport (whose mother was a McCoy), both survivors of that long bloody feud, left Matewan High School, Matewan, West Virginia, arm in arm to join the Marines to fight Japs.

Now if the Hatfields and McCoys can get together why can't labor and capital; Democrats and Republicans; Liberals and Conservatives. We must all line up like these two boys and march together to save this grand country of ours.

— JOE ABAIR.

MORRISVILLE
Lamoille County Chapter
Commander: Lewis F. Delano
Morrisville, Vt.
Secretary: Edward J. Emmons
Morrisville, Vt.

The annual meeting of our Chapter was held Wed. night, Apr. 22, at the home of Comrade

SILLOWAY's with eight members present.

The following officers were elected to serve for Lamoille Chapter in Morrisville —

Commander, LEWIS F. DELANO; Secretary, EDWARD J. EMMONS; Treasurer, CARROLL L. SILLOWAY; Chaplain, JAMES L. KELLEY.

Our next regular meeting was voted to be held in Jeffersonville, May 27th, with our comrades from that side of the county.

The matter of the Springfield convention was brought before our last meeting, but no action was taken until the present gasoline and tire conservation problem is made more conclusive.

Inclosed please find my check for fourteen dollars to cover the membership of the seven names sent inclosed in this letter. More membership will follow soon.

— Sec. C. L. SILLOWAY.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Robert M. Murray, 9 Tallman Ave., Providence, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Wm. Monte, Arnold's Neck, Warwick, R. I.

STATE MEETING

Rhode Island State Department meeting was held at Pawtucket on March 19, in American-British Hall, High Street. It was a joint meeting, Apremont Chapter was the host. Commander ROBERT MURRAY presided.

The following slate of officers were named by the nominating committee, Commander, JOSEPH BOURGET; Senior Vice Comm., WILLIAM BERGIN; Junior Vice Comm., JOHN KELLY; Chaplain, RAY SIMPSON; Secretary, ARNOLD BEECH; Treasurer, JOHN MORAN; Trustees, OLIVER LEWIS, RANDOLPH DARLING, RAYMOND TAYLOR; Historian, HERBERT MURRY. Member of National Nominating Committee, LAWRENCE COOK.

Invitation to St. Joseph Church, Natick, for blessing of service flag, Easter Sunday, at 11 A. M. Motion made seconded that Commander appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of running State Outing this year.

Motion also made seconded to find out what band can be obtained this year for Convention.

Remarks were made by a number of comrades on the 24th annual Seicheprey Day celebration to be held on April 20, 7:30 P. M., at Butler's on Pawtucket Ave. Mention was also made on advance registration for the National Convention in Springfield, Mass., June 25-26-27-28. Price $2.00, after May 25, $2.50.

Reservations for hotels must be made through convention committee. State Department wishes to thank Apremont Chapter for a swell State meeting, refreshments and all.

— WILLIAM A. MONTE.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: James Dyson
32 Whiting Ave., Lakewood, R. I.
Secretary: Arthur Brown
230 Coburn St., Oakland Beach, R. I.

Kent County Chapter held its regular meeting on April 19 in the Odd Fellows' Hall, on School St., Crompton, R. I. Meeting of the Chapter Auxiliary was also held at the same time. Commander OLIVER LEWIS presided. Meeting called to order 8 P. M.

Report of nominating committee made on new slate of Officers, Commander, JAMES DYSON; Senior Vice Comm., RAY SIMPSON; Junior Vice Comm., EDWARD LUTHER; Chaplain, GEORGE MACLEOD; Secretary, ARTHUR BROWN; Treasurer, HENRI BACON; Historian, KENNETH CHAPPELL; Judge Advocate, OLIVER LEWIS; Trustee for three years, FRANK BERGIN.

Membership regrets that Comrade ALTON GRINDEL will soon be living in Maine, our loss is Maine's gain. As ever the ladies served refreshments and a raffle of May Baskets was held. All members should try and be present at next meetings. 4th Sunday in May, time 7:30.

— W. A. M.

Kent County Auxiliary

Had our usual monthly meeting and have made plans for the State Dept.'s meeting which is to be held at Odd Fellows' Hall in Crompton, R. I., May 24, Sunday evening. We promise to have plenty of refreshments and you know what for the men.

The bingo parties we have been having after

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the meetings are a big success. Every one is very generous in bringing prizes for the parties.

We are raffling off at our May meeting some beautiful home-made gifts donated by members and Florence Lewis has promised to make more beautiful flowers and the YD pillows made of felt. So we extend a cordial invitation to all the boys and girls of other chapters to come and have fun with us. We are also having a card reader for any one who is interested.

We hope to see all the gang from Connecticut, our Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms McNulty, and those two loved personalities, no not Abbott and Costello, but Appleby and Sullivan.

— Sec. Anna Simpson.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander Albert J. Shabbott
118 Bagley St., Central Falls, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

MEETINGS — 3RD THURSDAY

This being my first report I wish to thank the entire membership for the gratifying way in which they responded to our membership appeal. Your cooperation has been a wonderful incentive to me to go on and lead this Chapter to new records. Your cooperation has also made it possible for me to take over a Chapter in fine, healthy condition. The membership is higher today, the second month of the new year, than it has ever been. Today Apremont Chapter, Y.D.V.A., is truly the largest individual Veterans' organization in this city and before my year expires, I hope to have 150 members. To do this I must have some help from you. If you know any YD men who do not belong to your organization mention it to them and please try to get their address and communicate it to me. I promise you I will visit them personally and try and get them signed up with the assistance of the "Baseball Committee" who contributed the cash. We are starting a new experiment beginning with the meeting in May:

1st. Five dollars ($5.00) will be placed in a "Kitty".

2nd. All members attending will contribute ten cents (.10) to the "Kitty".

3rd. The names of every member in the Chapter will be placed in a "Hat".

4th. A name will be drawn. If the member is *present*, he will receive the entire pool. If he is not present, the Five Dollars will remain in the "Kitty" until the next meeting, but there will be more drawings until the name of a member who is *present* has been drawn, and he will receive all the dimes contributed at the meeting. To the five dollars carried over to the next meeting another Five Dollars ($5.00) will be added, using the same procedure until the main prize has been won, at which time we shall start with a new "Kitty". We hope by doing this we shall make your meetings more popular, more appealing to you. Perhaps you would like to reinstate the old Apremont system of "A collation at every meeting." If so, please come down and let's discuss it. I wonder if it is expecting too much to ask each member to attend at least one meeting a year.

Here is a subject that may appeal to you. The matter of Casualties and Evacuation and First Aid in Civilian Defense has been handed over entirely to the Red Cross in this City. There are about 12 Evacuation Centers at strategic points in the city and they are to be manned by Veterans. Each Center will be equipped with station wagons and manned by a crew of trained First Aid Units. These units are being formed and trained at present at the Red Cross home on Walcott Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

About 15 or 20 YD men have responded, but more are needed and who is better qualified then men who *served* under fire, in times of stress and excitement. I can picture civilians running "helter skelter" under such conditions of emergency, and I can also picture YD men manning their stations, holding their heads, reassuring others. If you are interested in helping out, get in touch with me and we will attend the next First Aid meeting together.

The "Baseball Committee' is just getting into its stride and about 15 more members are in line for uniforms next fall. All of which is good news, and the next big "Affair" on our program is the National Convention in Springfield. For Apremont that means another Championship at Stake. We will not be satisfied with anything but First Prize in the horrible parade, to continue our streak of Firsts' — First in Membership, First in Pawtucket, First in the Horrible Parade. Frank Senior is burning the midnight oil working on our entry and I'm burning the midnight oil writing this letter, but the oil is running low, so I shall bid you good luck until the next time. — Al Shabbott,

PROVIDENCE
Commander: Robert M. Murray
9 Tallman Ave., Eden Park, R. I.
Secretary: Guy Kittredge
99 Lexington Ave., Providence, R. I.

Another year has passed and once again the Chapter at the regular meeting held at the Harrison St. Armory on April 22nd, installed the new slate of officers for the coming year.

As National Commander CARTER has been called into the service, the two old veterans of many a campaign, Past National Commander, AUSTIN APPLEBY and Past National Sgt.-at-Arms, JIM SULLIVAN, at the writer's request made the trip from Boston to do the honors. "Thanks, fellas".

The following comrades were installed to office by Austin and Jim: Commander, ROBERT M. MURRAY; Sr. Vice, MIKE CRESCENZO; Jr. Vice, DAVID DAVIDSON; Chaplain, FRANCIS DUNN; Secretary, GUY KITTREDGE; Treasurer, JOHN DOLLIVER; Historian, HARRY HANSON; Judge Advocate, ED MARA; Trustees, JIM GIRVAN, BILL THOMSON, and ERNIE BERNIER.

It was certainly gratifying to see such a large attendance of the comrades and wives at the meeting which included representatives from the Apremont and Kent Chapters. Chapter Commanders PETE BOURGET of Apremont, OLIVER LEWIS of Kent, Chic Story of the YD Post, American Legion and Mrs. Souza, President of the YD Veterans of Foreign Wars' Auxiliary, brought greetings.

Our National Secretary GUY WATTS also made the trip from Boston and we appreciate his timely remarks. We fully realize the importance of getting news for DOINGS in to headquarters on time and he can count on Providence to cooperate.

During the evening a Past Commander's badge was presented to RAY TAYLOR, the outgoing Commander. The presentation was made by Austin.

I take this opportunity, through "DOINGS" to ask all members of the Chapter to attend as many meetings as possible, during the coming year, and the present officers will do their utmost to make every meeting as interesting as possible. All we ask is your support by attending.

We have already made plans to make a drive on membership and expect to have a full report at the meeting before the convention. This is where you can help us by making yourself a committee of one in getting either a new member or a "re-up" and turning it over to DAVE DAVIDSON. The comrade is a worker so let's give him some assistance.

Due to the installation, all business was dispensed with. The feature of the meeting was a talk given by Mr. Charles T. Haven, Technical Assistant for the Johnston Automatic Inc., Manufacturers of the Johnston rifle and machine gun. Mr. Haven is co-author of a book with Capt. Johnston, on automatic arms and also co-author of a book on the history of the Colt revolver. The speaker certainly knew his subject. He also showed motion pictures of the manufacture, firing and the effects on various targets. The subject was most timely, interesting and educational.

DAN CLIFFORD deserves a hand for the swell job he did on the collation. Punch, with something besides tea and fruit, real chicken sandwiches, coffee and cupcakes.

The "kitty" is still intact and just waiting for someone to collect. Why not come on down to the next meeting — maybe it's your turn. Just come in dandy for the convention.

— BOB MURRAY.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Edward C. Maley, 21 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Thomas F. Crokan, R.F.D. No. 2, Springfield, Mass.

State Meeting — Haverhill

Meeting called to order by Commander MALEY. Prayer was offered by Chaplain EARL SAUNDERS of Worcester. Commander SHEALEY of Fitchburg acted as Sgt.-at-Arms in the absence of ROY COONS because of sickness in his family.

There were no further nominations for the following offices, Historian, Chaplain, Service Officer and Judge Advocate and a motion was made and seconded that all nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Motion by P. C. KENNEDY of Fitchburg that CROCKETT of Haverhill cast one ballot declaring

all officers elected. Motion carried. Ruling by Judge Advocate that according to Australian ballot, vote is illegal. Motion by KENNEDY of Fitchburg, seconded by CROCKETT of Haverhill, that the body suspense with the rules and let the acting Secretary cast the one ballot declaring the Officers elected. Motion withdrawn. The ballot committee consisting of RUDDICK of Lynn, Chairman, KENNEDY of Fitchburg, BURNHAM of Haverhill, reported the following Officers elected. Commander, LEON W. VARNUM of Lynn; Sr. Vice Commander, HARRY PLUFF of Haverhill; Jr. Vice Commander, J. HAROLD CRAIN of Fitchburg; Treasurer, SAMUEL T. FARRELL of Fitchburg; Secretary, RUDOLPH HEFTY of Lynn, Chaplain, JAMES KANE of Lawrence; Historian, CHARLES DAVIS of Danvers; Service Officer, H. GUY WATTS of Boston; and Judge Advocate, FRANK SMITH of Beverly.

Motion by RUDDICK of Lynn, seconded by KENNEDY that the Judge Advocate draw up a resolution in regard to the election of National Officers, after much discussion as to what benefit the resolution would be. Motion carried.

Department Commander MALEY gave a lengthy report on the activities of the Convention Committee. Clam bake Friday afternoon at Riverside Park with transportation furnished. Start from Hotel Charles. Registrations going pretty good. Ball at 9 P. M. Next meeting at Milford in the V.F.W. Home, at 3.00 P. M.

— THOS. F. CROKAN,
Dept. Sec.

BOSTON

Commander: Albert M. Pacifici
77 Sycamore St., Somerville, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular Monthly Smoker for April was held on the third Thursday of April. Entertainment for the evening was two reels of Sound Movies, "Telephone in Defense" and the other a Signal Corps picture on "Military Information". The pictures were put on through the courtesy of the Telephone Co. and the operator was Chas. Barron.

There were about 200 members in the Hall and all voted a very excellent programme. President PACIFICI presided at his first meeting and we are pulling for him to have a big year. The Annual Memorial Services of the Club will be held on Monday evening, May 25th at 8 p. m. with Rev. WILLARD SMITH, Nat'l Chaplain of the YDVA as the principal speaker.

Boston Auxiliary

We are happy in the knowledge that we pleased the boys at the Hospital in Rutland Heights with our Easter remembrance. We sent up thirty-six packages, each gift being made up of a carton of cigarettes, a box of very fine writing paper and envelopes, a dozen stamps, a package of razor blades and a cheery greeting card.

The penny sale held at the home of President Dorothy McCarthy on April 24th was a tremendous success. Members and friends who attended enjoyed a very pleasant evening, and Mrs. McCarthy heartily thanks all those who contributed in any way to make the affair such a successful one.

The next penny sale will be held at the home of Mrs. Hazel Lane in Somerville. Definite date has not as yet been arranged, but those interested may contact Sec. Agnes Lacasse anytime after the 13th of May at Mys. 5289-W.

Hospital and Bazaar sewing is going right ahead. Chairman Agnes Lacasse says she is still waiting for the "crowd" on Tuesdays, and will gladly add another leaf to the table to accommodate them.

Judging from the glowing write-ups we've seen on the schedule the Convention Committee has planned for the Convention this June, it is one we couldn't possibly miss out on. We hope to have a representation there for the good time.

Our annual Memorial Service will be held at the next meeting on May 13th at 8:30 P.M. at the YD Club House. We cordially invite members of the other auxiliaries to attend this service.

— Kay O'Donnell.

CONCORD

"Minute Man Chapter"
Commander: Frederick H. Sullivan
Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Harold E. Clapp
Wheeler Lane, North Acton, Mass.

One of our best meetings of the year was held in the town of Acton recently. We rented the Women's Club, without the women, of course, and over 30 members came out.

If it wasn't for comrades such as our present Commander B. ALCOTT PRATT and REX MORGAN, our Treasurer, who also does all the work of the Secretary as well, we all would be in a h — of a mess most of the time. However,

McCarthy, who I try to pass the buck to, does more than his share.

Perhaps some of the comrades of other chapters don't realize that we have been holding our monthly meetings in the various towns where our members live. We have held meetings this year at Concord, Bedford, Lexington, and last month at Acton. The game is, that each month several of the boys who reside in the particular town that the meeting is to be held get together and locate a place for the affair and make all arrangements, such as entertainment and refreshments for the crowd.

At our last meeting our nominating committee consisting of Major Michael J. Dee, Lt. Poland and Major Dolan, all connected with the Massachusetts Reformatory at West Concord, Mass., nominated the following officers for the coming year — Commander, Frederick H. Sullivan, Chief of Police of Bedford, Mass., this particular town happens to be a little larger than Acton, but Comrade William J. McCarthy of our Chapter tells me it is not much larger. Sullivan did not want the job but after Major Dee gave a short talk what a fine commander he would make he couldn't do much else but accept, and all the comrades of this chapter will agree with the Major he is just the man for the job. The rest of the officers were Sr. Vice Commander, Geo. T. Tobin of Waltham; Jr. Vice Commander, William L. McCarthy, of Concord; Secretary Harold E. Clapp, of Acton; Treas. Rex A. Morgan, of Concord; Chaplain, John J. O'Grady, of W. Concord; Historian, Ed C. Maguire, Lexington; Sgt.-at-Arms, Joseph M. Dee, Concord; and the new Trustee, B. Alcott Pratt, of Concord.

The boys of this chapter will certainly miss the leadership of our Past Commander B. Alcott Pratt. He was on the job every minute and if we had a few more like him connected with the YD no one would have to worry about the success of our work.

We have taken in a couple of new members to the chapter, Harold L. Mooney, of Bedford, former member of the 101st Mach. Gun Bat.; Clyde A. Booker of Lexington, Co. C, 101st Eng. If any of the boys of the YD happen to live around these parts we want you in our ranks. Show the old YD spirit. Join up.

— H. E. C.

DANVERS
Commander: Paul Moore
5 Oak St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held their monthly meeting Thursday, April 16th at Mrs. Pike's Inn. After a fine steak and chicken supper a business meeting was held and the following officers were nominated and elected:

Commander, Paul Moore, 102nd Med.; Sen. Vice, George Ferguson, 102nd Med.; Jr. Vice, Harvey Bishop, 104th Inf.; Chaplain, Web Blanchard, 101st F.A.; Secretary, Charles Davis, 104th Inf.; Treasurer, Ernest Fossa, 104th Inf.; Trustee, William Spence, 101st F.A.

It was voted to reduce the annual dues to $2.00 omitting local dues of $1.00 and paying National dues only. Our next meeting will be held May 20th, at which time it was voted to invite the newly elected State Dept. Commander Leon Varnum to install the officers. Treasurer's report showed the chapter to be in good financial standing due to the Century club. All the members are doing their share of local Defense Work, our first Commander, Harold Williams, being Chief Air Raid Warden, incidentally Harold was elected Sen. Vice Commander of the 104th Inf. Vet. Asso., at their annual Reunion held in Gloucester, April 24th and 25th. Our outgoing Commander Wes Grover is still at Camp Edwards as Mst, Serg. 211th Coast Artillery.

Our Sen. Vice Comm. George Ferguson has one son in the Air Corps and another not yet old enough for service in the ROTC at Yale. Both boys are chips off the old block. Gil Cass has his son Russell in the Navy. Alf Kitchin drew the first draft number in the Middleton district. Kitchin says he is ready any time Uncle Sam says he wants him, but I guess his better half and kiddies may have a say about that, how about it Kitch. Harold Williams says he is going to see if he can get into active service. Funny how some of these YD boys think they are young again. From what I know Harold had better be making reservations for the old soldiers' home at Togus, Me. I can just see birds like Harold riding in a jeep; oh boy, better stick to the Home Guard Harold where you belong. In closing I want to ask Ed Maley since when can

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a man be elected to office in the State Dept. if he is not present at the meeting. How about it Smith Brothers from Beverly and Lynn? Have 15 paid their 1942 dues so far, send them in boys as soon as possible.

— Sec. C. W. Davis

FITCHBURG
Commander: Arthur T. Nelson
5 Joslin Place, Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: William E. King
431 Main St., Leominster, Mass.

Fitchburg Chapter, Y.D.V.A., held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night, April 14th, in St. George's Hall, Fitchburg, Mass. 65 members were present. Comrade Harry Linnell of Gardner, Mass. won the uniform.

Comrade Joseph Gallant, a member of Fitchburg Chapter, passed away since the last meeting with a heart attack. He was buried with full military honors. The bearers were Daniel F. Moran, Leo W. Durkin and Thomas E. Kennedy representing the YDVA, and Comrades George Callahan, Francis J. Dacey and Charles J. Goguen, representing the American Legion, who are also members of Fitchburg Chapter.

Past Commander Thomas E. Kennedy, of Fitchburg Chapter had a heart attack on last Monday night, and was taken to the Burbank Hospital, Fitchburg, Mass.

Comrade Charles E. Hickey, a former member of Co. E, 104th Inf., passed away last Wednesday, April 22, he was buried last Saturday morning, in St. Cecelia's Cemetery, Leominster, Mass.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday night May 12th, which will be our first meeting as a Corporation.

— William E. King,
Secretary.

HAVERHILL
Commander: W. Perry Tarleton
18 Chesnut St., Groveland, Mass.
Secretary: Ballard Crockett
19 West St., Haverhill, Mass.

Our chapter members and many other war associates have just returned from the sad duty of doing full military honors for our late Comrade Patrick P. Hughes and this column is humbly and respectfully dedicated to his memory. After the rites of the Church, Commander Perry Tarleton assumed command and conducted the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The other chapter officers assisting were SV Wallace Burnham, JV Ernest Meteyer, Chaplain Joseph Seymour and Sgt.-at-Arms Martin Galvin. The color bearers were SSV Harry P. Pluff, William Gordon, color guard, Clyde Norton and Leander Caswell. The bearers, William Hamilton, Ballard Crockett, John Booth and Theodore Brindamour. The firing squad, Francis P. Lynch, sergeant, and Thomas Vaughn, Norman Ripley, Chester Kelleher and Leo Jolliker. Taps were blown by young Ted Brindamour.

Most of us served under Comrade Hughes at one time or another and we agree that he was all soldier. However, one attended the rites who out-ranked us all, the then lieutenant, now Lieut. Col. George W. Langdon, Jr., and many more. Like the good soldier that our late comrade was, he said very little about the Spanish-American war, but he was a member of Troop "K", Third Cavalry and saw service in the Philippines and China. And we don't need to go into detail on "our scrap". We, collectively, aren't likely to forget. The same patriotism is carried on in his sons. William A. is in the Navy with stripes on his arms that a soldier can't read, and another son, Edmund P. has been on the Atlantic front in a tanker which was torpedoed a few weeks ago. Both boys were at home.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family and their many friends.

Just came over the grapevine that John Booth, 102nd F.A., has a son, John E. who has passed all exams for the Air Corps and is ready to go on a 12-hour notice. A volunteer.

Little Joan Brindamour of the Junior Drum Corps is making a record in disposing of blocks of tickets to aid the Corps to go to Springfield. She has sold 28 plus to date.

This chapter and auxiliary were well represented at the Andover V.F.W. installation recently, Perry Tarleton, commander and Mrs. Mattie Greenleaf, president, attending. The invite came from our comrade William S. Martin. The V.F.W. is a gold stripe organization, so Lorraine Post No. 29, V.F.W. saw a goodly representation. And we never miss the others, either. We are a "going" gang. Ted Brindamour,

102nd F.A., Past Commander of the D.A.V. reported a profitable annual ball.

Received a line and dues from ARTHUR W. FLANDERS who has spent the Winter in St. Petersburg and heading back this way. He reports JOHN DWYER, first chapter president, has an attack of bronchitis.

When you see JOHN HARRIS, NORMAN RIPLEY, HARRY PLUFF and BILL GORDON in a huddle, you can bet they are living over the battle of Gloucester. — Secretary CROCKETT.

Haverhill Auxiliary

Since our last write-up we have completed First Aid Course, held in the Dugout under the able instruction of Dr. Paul Nettle. Several of our members took the course and passed with flying colors.

During March we held a Style Show which was very successful. Jr. Vice-President Lillian Brindamour was chairman, assisted by President Mattie Greenleaf, Mrs. Albertine Duchemin, Florence Tarleton, Catherine Hamilton, Kay Burnham, Ruth Meteyer, Margaret Powers, Leona Flanagan, Grace Sawyer, Delia Bush and Fannie Crockett. The waitresses attired in St. Patrick's Day costumes were: Misses Virginia Meteyer, Margaret McCormic, Lorraine Brindamour, Waneta Brown, Emily Seymour, Olive Brindamour and Rita Seymour.

Auxiliary members under the able guidance of Mrs. Ruth Meteyer put on the dinner for the State Department Meeting in April.

Several members attended the installation of Lorraine Post Auxiliary, VFW, at which Carrie Fitzgerald, a past president, was installing officer, and past president Leona Flanagan, was conductress. Both are members of our auxiliary and better yet Priscilla Ripley who was installed as president of the VFW Auxiliary is also a YD member. Another of our members Bertha Martin was installed treasurer of the VFW Auxiliary of Andover on Friday night and members from our auxiliary attended.

LYNN

Commander: Claude Hoag
89 Victory Road, Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Christian Schacht
197 Adams St., Malden, Mass.

Annual installation of officers was held at the Oxford Club with the largest crowd ever, 400 in the hall and at least 100 couldn't get in. CLAUDE HOAG, Battery D, 101st F.A., was installed as Commander to succeed PERLEY KNIGHT under whose direction the chapter has enjoyed a very successful year. The retiring Commander was presented a YD plaque and P.C. pin.

Assisted by the Lynn YD Junior Girls' Drill Team, Past Nat. Com. A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE served as installing officer assisted by ROBERT QUINN as sergeant-at-arms.

Inducted with new Commander were S.V.C., EARL BAILEY; J.V.C., ROBERT NEWMAN; Secretary, CHRISTIAN SCHACHT; Treasurer, A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE; Chaplain, PERCY PAIGE; Sergeant-at-Arms, LESLIE PUGH; Historian, LEON VARNAM; Judge Advocate, WALTER SMITH; Trustee, Trust Fund, 3-year term, LLOYD PITMAN; Executive Com., Dr. CHESTER P. BROWN, EUSTIS GRIMES, JAMES N. CONNOLLY, RICHARD HENNESSEY, WALTER SMITH and PERLEY KNIGHT.

A fine program was in charge of CARL RUDDOCK as Master of Ceremonies. Entertainment, refreshments of all kinds and temperatures, dancing and suitable gifts presented to the installing officer and his sgt.-at-arms, BOB QUINN and P.C. WALTER SMITH.

Flowers were presented Mrs. Perley Knight, Mrs. Ray Doucette, Mrs. Claude Hoag, Mrs. James Connolly, Mrs. Carl Ruddock and Mrs. Mae Early, the latter two representing the County and State Dept. of Amer. Legion Aux., and Mrs. Connolly is President of our own Aux. Special guests were P.N.C. AUSTIN APPLEBY and Mary, Councillor Henry Wall representing the Mayor, who is now in the Army, Thomas Curran and Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms William McNulty, representing Nat. Com. Carter.

Other guests present were Com. PERRY TARLETON of Haverhill Chapter, Com. ALBERT MAXWELL of Reading Chapter, Comrade TUROW of New York Chapter, P.N.S.A. JAMES SULLIVAN of Boston and Commanders of Post 6 and 291 A. L., 240 and 507 V.F.W., British and Canadian Vets, U. S. W. Vets, Purple Hearts Vets Assoc., YD Mothers, Gold Star Mothers, All Women's Post, A. L. and all the above outfits auxiliaries. The highlight of the evening was our special guests from Fort Ruckman, Nahant.

RICHARD HENNESSEY was presented a YD Ring for his great work the past year as leader

of our Chateau Thierry Club. Just another good Artilleryman.

The following committee chairman were appointed for the year—

Membership, ROBERT NEWMAN; Activities, EARL BAILEY; House, HERBERT WEEKS; Barrage, EDMUND TRUDELL; Hospitalization, PERLEY KNIGHT; Publicity, A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE.

The Chapters show troupe known as the "YD Stars of Tomorrow" has been accepted as one of the official troupes by the authorities and is to appear at all Army and Navy Posts in New England. They have already appeared at Devens and Edwards, travel by plane and are doing a great job under the direction of the famous Veronica. CLARENCE MARTIN is the master of ceremonies and committee assisting is LEO FARLEY and RUDOLPH HEFTYE. The troupe numbers 15, sometimes 18, young ladies ranging from 12 to 18, and all YD Juniors, and on their costumes they wear a gold YD insignia. We are mighty proud of them and the work they are doing. Can't beat Lynn.

— RAY DOUCETTE, P.N.C.

Lynn Auxiliary

A very pretty party was held at General Edwards' Inn, Point of Pines, Revere, Monday eve., April 20. It was the annual dinner-dance of the Lynn YD Aux., this was our 21st year.

Esther Bailey proved a very capable chairman and a very charming hostess for the evening, her co-chairman was Estell Philpott looking as lovely as always. Their committee in their best evening bib and tuckers were Peg Connolly our Pres., Pansy Smith our Chaplain, Jeanette Schacht of publicity, Catherine Hogan her assistant, Florence Hoag our Treas., Christine Heftye, Mary Roome, and Peg Blanchard (girls if I have missed up on anyone excuse please). We had with us our Past State Commander JOHN SULLIVAN and his charming wife, Ann, our State Commander LEON VARNUM, State Sergeant-at-Arms WALTER SMITH and State Sec. RUDOLPH HEFTYE.

During intermission we were entertained with music with BILL HOGAN at the piano and EARL BAILEY at the drums.

Judge JOHN FOLEY and his wife from Swampscott were also among those present.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: William H. Barter
32 Hussey St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Geo. A. Durant
95 Eugenia St., New Bedford, Mass.

The monthly meeting was held at Carpenters' Hall, April 14th. Seated at the head table in addition to the incoming officers were His Honor, Mayor Mathew A. Glynn, Past National Commander Austin Appleby, Past National Sgt. at Arms "Cowboy" Jim Sullivan. Fifty members and guests, including some of the sons of members who are now in the service also sat down.

The following officers assumed office for the coming year:

Commander, WILLIAM H. BARTER; Sr. Vice-Commander, LOUIS MARCOUX; Jr. Vice-Commander, WILLIAM CARROLL; Treasurer, WALTER JOHNSON; Secretary, GEORGE A. DURANT; Sgt. at Arms, SAMUEL PICARD; Chaplain, CHARLES BUCKLEY; Trustees, George Seaman, John Sullivan, Ernest Parker.

Austin Appleby officiated as Installing Officer and was ably assisted by his old side kick "Cowboy" Jim Sullivan. As usual they did a swell job. The members were given inspiring talks by both installing officers who stressed the need of everybody doing their part in National Defense.

The Chapter got off to a good start by presenting a check for 70 members to Austin to take back to Guy Watts towards our goal for this year, which we hope will top the 100 mark. This swell start was due to the hard work of the Membership Committee headed by Len McDonnell. We urge all comrades who have not as yet signed up for this year to scare up the two bucks and contact Len at the Post Office. It will also insure your getting "YANKEE DOINGS" for the year which always has news of all your old outfits and comrades of 1917 to 1919.

There also was an entertainment given by Joe Gillow and pictures of World War No. 2 were shown.

Some of the boys have already sent in their reservation for the Springfield Convention, but there is still room for improvement.

The Junior Drum Corps in charge of Louis Marcoux and Len McDonnell are playing better

than ever in preparation for the Convention, "I am an American Day," and other affairs.

A lot of the Comrades' boys are already in the thick of it. Bill Barter, Jr. wrote from one of the islands in the Southwestern Pacific. His brother John is also in the Service. Charlie Buckley's boy is doing his bit in the Navy in Pacific Waters. Louis Marcoux's boy also in the Navy has already made many trips across and could tell some interesting stories. Jack Hyland's boy, after being in the Army for over a year has been transferred to Maxwell Field where he is now a Cadet in the Air Service. Walter Burns, Past Chapter Commander, has a boy at Edwards. Sons of other comrades who are serving in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps will be enumerated as their outfits are made known.

Keep this magazine coming by paying up for 1942. If you have already done so, talk to your buddies about joining up.

—Bee Bee.

READING

"Chateau Thierry Chapter"
Commander: Edwin M. Rowe
1 Greenwood Ave., Wakefield, Mass.
Secretary: Thos. H. Campbell
11 Wilson St., Reading

Comments in abundance (most of them uncomplimentary) have been heaped on yours truly the past two or three months, due to my negligence in failing to send copy each month.

Alibis, which took me hours to put together and but a few moments to convey to Chapter members, were promptly ridiculed and got me nowhere. The concensus of opinion among the boys seemed to be as follows, "We are one of the best little Chapters in the YDVA and have shown we are big in many respects, having gone so far as to let the bars down and allowed some of the boys from the 104th to join our Chapter." So, the gang feels that a letter should be inserted in the DOINGS each month, to let the rest of the Chapters know what we are doing.

Our Editor by the way is doing a bang up job and we should help in every way possible.

The Local Chapter has been quite active in the past couple of months and our meetings are drawing a few more of the boys out each night. A few new members come in each month and it's gratifying to see some of our newer members such as Percy Young of Wakefield and Joe O'Toole of Stoneham attending the meetings regularly and helping out whenever possible—instead of doing what so many of the boys do, sitting back and waiting for the DOINGS to show up so they can find out what the Chapter is doing.

Colors, something we have talked about since we received our Charter three years ago, has at last become a reality. They will be presented to the Chapter at our installation, Thursday, April 30.

Our election of officers was held the 2nd Wednesday in April and those elected to office for the coming year are as follows — Edwin Rowe, Commander; Stanley Gerard, Senior Vice Commander; Phil Galley, Junior Vice Commander, Thomas Campbell; Secretary, Carl Goodridge; Treasurer, Fred Mahn; Chaplain, Henry Chapin; Historian, Bill Fall; Sgt. at Arms, Board of Directors, Herbert Robertson, Chauncy Brooks, Tommy Landis, Charlie DeFazzio and Joe O'Toole.

The installation will be held at Victory House, Reading Square, on Thursday, April 30th.

We held a Penny Sale at the Lafayette Bldg., Wakefield on Thursday, April 23rd. Senior VC Ed Rowe was Chairman of the Committee, and received plenty of assistance from Chapter members, especially from Commander Al Maxwell, Bill Fall, Phil Galley and Joe O'Toole. Although I have had no report on it, I know it was a financial success.

Our Treasurer, Carl Goodridge, spent a couple of weeks in Veterans Hospital having a general check up.

Comrade Chauncy Brooks and Percy MacWhimy are also in the Hospital for treatment. And we are all hoping they will be back with us, real soon.

—T. H. Campbell.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Thomas F. Crokan
RFD No. 2, Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roy M. Coons
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.

On Saturday, April 11th the Springfield Chapter and Auxiliary held their joint installation at the Hotel Charles. Dinner was scheduled

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for 6 P. M. and got under way about 6.45. Two hundred and twenty sat down to dinner, and quite a number came in later for the installation ceremony. This was by far the largest gathering this chapter has ever had. The Committee worked hard to make this one of our best parties, and are well satisfied with the results, as were those who attended.

In the absence of National Commander Eliot A. Carter, who was to install we were very fortunate in having our good friend Past National Commander Al Herman, of Norwalk come here to do the honors. The Auxiliary was installed by Veronica Chapman assisted by Dot Easton. Representatives were present from Norwalk, Hartford, Manchester, New Haven, Bridgeport and New York. Telegrams were received from Haverhill and Pawtucket. The Rhode Island delegation who usually attend our parties were held up by a snow storm, so were unable to be with us.

After the installation, which followed the dinner, dancing was in order, and believe me the old boys are still there—of course it was necessary for some to have a little stimulant to get them started, and others to have a little to sort of revive them.

During the installation a chest of silver was raffled and Al Herman obliged by pulling the lucky number. The number drawn was 852 held by John Kapecki, an employee of Chapman Valve Company, where several hard working YD boys pushed the tickets.

The committee in charge was headed by Harry Valentine for the Chapter, and Florence Flescher for the Auxiliary. They were assisted by Ed Ross, Tom Dee, Art Barlow, Ben Johnson, Margaret Heber, Veronica Chapman, Ann Valentine and Myrtle Gilligan.

WORCESTER

Commander: Robert W. Vail
27 Bauer St., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
8 Newbury St., Worcester, Mass.

After taking a bawling out by our Editor in the last issue of the DOINGS we will get this news in on time so that they may get the next issue out before the convention, which by the way I understand is going to be a bang up good time.

Now that the boys are all signed up for this man's army they are awaiting their little piece of paper that will say whether they will be able to 'Gold Brick' as much as they said they did in the last conflict. Some of our Comrades are now in active service but others are expecting a call at any time, as they are on lists that require them to be available. One of the first to be so called is none other than our own Past State Adjutant and Commander, Edwin J. (Ted) Noyes who has been ordered to report on Monday, May 11 for examination.

H. Jud Fish is arranging a party for him with the assistance of his friends on Thursday, May 7 (which by the way is his birthday), as that is the night of the chapter meeting. The boys here will be a little late in getting to the party, but they say that they will be in better condition to wish him well on his birthday, for the others will be well along with the celebration when we get there. So, to you Ted on your birthday and your entrance into the service here's the best of luck from the boys of the chapter.

Travel seems to make a person healthier and richer in spirits as per our SVC, Gene Gilliam, in his return from the Florida sun he is the perfect picture of health and has a nice coat of tan to prove it.

Everything being rationed, this bit of news may be cut as not much news seems to be coming in to this office for the DOINGS. Does anybody know where Ernie Parent is? He seems to be moving so often that we can't keep up with him.

Here's something that I run into the other day,

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH

The horse and cow live thirty years,
They touch not light wine and beers.
Sheep and goats are dead at twenty,
They drink no liquor—water plenty.
At ten the cat has lost nine lives.
On milk and water, no man thrives.
At five the birds are mostly dead—
They look not on the wine that's red.
Bugs few days remain on earth,
They know not the cocktail's worth.
But awful, wicked, rum soaked men,
Live on for three score years and ten.

So long for now.

—COE.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Clarence W. Geer, 60 Olsen Court, Bridgeport, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

State Meeting — Norwalk

Following executive committee session, meeting opened by Commander GEER with all officers present except Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Historian, and Americanization Officer.

Chaplain ANDERON reports Waterbury Commander, CHARLES LADUE, now recovering; JVC LINDGREN reports men at Newington being cared for; Secretary reports Dept. distribution of cigarettes now being done in afternoon last Wednesday in the month. HARRY ROBERTSON and PAUL CARAVATH did the job this time.

Letter from EARL LYON, who has been reelected commander of New London Chapter, stating that all members working in war work and on auxiliary police which trains Sundays so that they will not be able to assist State Dept. much at this time.

Dept. Executive Committee — Present were LINDGREN, BOURN, GEER, BECKWITH, HERMAN, CLARKE, DELANEY, DUBE, HALL, KOLINSKY, HIRSCH, BAKER, AL SMITH. It was voted to recommend a 10c per capita tax to finance Dept. for the year. It was voted that nominating consist of seven. Commander GEER appointed nominating committee — BARNEY CLARKE, chairman; AL HERMAN, GARDINER HALL, HENRY DUBE, AL BAKER, TOM DELANEY, AL SMITH.

At the Gen. Edwards Memorial BEN BOURN states there will be a parade, all veteran organizations to mass colors, ROYAL K. HAYES to give dedicatory address.

Service Officer KOLINSKY submits statistical report for file showing number of cases hospitalized and compensation awards and cases handled through the A. L., V.F.W., and D.A.V.

DUBE brings up the matter of the "AEF" resolution for our YDVA. New Haven Chapter, which originally sponsored resolution, has seen fit to reverse their position in view of the trend of events and the fact that we already have several new AEFs. Dube made a motion, seconded by Bourn and carried, that the Conn. Dept. withdraw the resolution and so notify National Hdq.

New Haven Chapter announces the completion of a plaque in a niche at Yale Field in honor of the formation of the 102nd Infantry there. They still need money to complete payment for it and request that any YD man who served at Yale Field may contribute not more than $1.00 per person.

Stamford reports that Ray MacNicholl's daughters have placed a wreath on Gen. Edwards' grave at Arlington.

BEN BOURN thanked Dept. for endorsing him for National Commander.

HAROLD GRAY reported on the improvement in treatment at Newington Hospital over what it used to be.

Dept. Commander POIRIER of DAV, a good YD man, was recognized, as was also the father of a boy now overseas with the new 102nd Infantry.

BEN BOURN reported ERIC KLICK again in the service and DUBE reported several old YD men from New Haven back in the army.

Acting on the report that the son of Major SPRAGUE had been highly commended and promoted in action overseas and then reported missing or dead, it was voted that the secretary send an appropriate letter to the father.

Next State Meeting — Middletown offered to hold meeting and it was so voted. It will be at Moose Hall on Main St., and on May 17th to avoid Mothers' Day.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Norwalk for giving us food and a place to meet on short notice.

— C. G. BECKWITH,
Dept. Secretary.

BRISTOL
"Mont Sec Chapter"
Commander: Clarence Smith
50 Mills St., Bristol, Conn.
Secretary: W. N. Salladin, Jr.
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

Mont Sec chapter has a new slate of officers who will be installed May 8th—Commander, CLARENCE SMITH; SV Com., CARL CHASE; JV Com., FRED BAUER; Secretary, W. N. SALLADIN, JR.; Treasurer, W. W. THOMPSON; Sgt-at-

Arms, CHAS. GOODREAULT; Chaplain, RALPH FOX; Trustee, three years, ARVID ANDERSON.

Am enclosing our check for $206.00 paying dues for our 103 members, year of 1942-43. This includes one new member, Laurence Bates of the old Terryville Chapter and drops one old member who does not care to belong any longer, leaving our membership the same.

—W. N. SALLADIN, Jr.

HARTFORD
Commander: John C. Carter
28 Cortland St., Elmwood, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
43 Ansonia St., Hartford, Conn.

The chapter ended its social season with a successful dance party on Saturday, April 25th. And the installation of officers will be held on Monday, May 4th with our past department commander and past national historian Raymond Kincaid doing the installing with past department vice-commander Bill Salidin acting as sergeant-at-arms. The officers are Commander, JOHN C. CARTER, 102nd Inf.; Senior Vice-Commander; Dr. BERNARD H. ALLEN, 102nd Inf.; Junior Vice-Commander, JOHN J. GOSS, 103rd Amb.; Secretary, PAUL J. CARAVATT, 102nd Inf; Treasurer, HARRY T. ROBERTSON, Med. Detach. 103rd Inf.; Chaplain, ALBERT ROSSING, 101st M.G.B., Historian, SAMUEL VARLEY, 102nd Inf.; Judge-Advocate, JAMES J. O'CONNOR, 102nd Inf.; Sergeant-at-Arms, HOMER J. PELLETIER, 102nd Inf.; Trustees, JOHN J. CURTIN and HENRY A. BEEBE, 102nd Inf., and EDWARD J. KENEFICK, 101st M.G.B.

Our past commander Ben Bourn is chairman of the dedication ceremonies for the Dedication of the Statue of General Edwards on Saturday, May 30th on the State Capitol grounds. The speaker is none other than our good friend Royal K. Hayes, past national chaplain and past Americanism Officer.

The ceremonies are under the direction of the Connecticut Department but we of the Hartford Chapter will take this opportunity of being well represented with every YD man in line. Remember also our memorial service at Soldiers Field during the week preceding Decoration Day.

If you like your YANKEE DOINGS and you really mean that you are proud you served in the YD in France, look at the color of your card and see if it's this year's blue. And you can help by stopping every YD man to see if he has his up-to-date.

My duty to write for DOINGS every month has been pleasant and enjoyable but this duty now belongs to the secretary and historian and I hereby relinquish this duty to my comrades Caravatt and Varley. Paul, your notices are snappy numbers and your ditties to DOINGS I know will be humdiggers.

—JOHN J. GOSS.

MANCHESTER
"Epieds Chapter"
Commander: Ernest R. Peterson
239 E. Middle Turnpike, Manchester, Conn.
Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith
12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

Installation of Commander ERNEST PETERSON and his officers was held at the Army and Navy Club on Tuesday, April 14th. Department JVC Lawrence Lindgren assisted by former Department Sergeant-at-Arms Euclid Pimpare did the work. Walter Hewitt, SVC of Windham County Chapter, was a guest.

Ernie gave his officers a chicken dinner and outlined a membership campaign. The Horribles Parade plans were set in motion with JVC Holzheimer as chairman. The details are a horrible secret.

Dave McCollum is still at Newington Hospital but feeling better every day. He was our Hawaiian gal in the Horribles last year.

Charles (Pete) Wigren, who has turned out many track and cross country stars at our High School, has another promising spring squad. He started McClusky, Fran Leary, and others on the road to fame.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Army and Navy Club. Come in and meet your buddies. Go after the fellows who have moved into town.

—SEE-BEE.

MERIDEN
Commander: Martin J. Cummings
89 Randolph Av., Meriden, Ct.
Secretary: Clarence A. Roys
87 North Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.

First of all your correspondent wants to apologize for his failure to have copy ready in time for YANKEE DOINGS last month. The copy was sent in too late to be printed in April's issue. It won't happen again.

The Seicheprey Day Celebration and installa-

tion ceremonies on April 25 drew a fine attendance. Capt. Geer, our Dept. Commander, did a beautiful job as installing officer, administering oaths of office to the following:

Commander, MARTIN J. CUMMINGS; SVC, H. EARL CARTER; JVC, EBEN DIKE; Secretary, CLARENCE A. ROYS; Treasurer, STANLEY RAKOWSKI; Sgt-at-Arms, WILLIAM VALLERY; Chaplain, SAMUEL MURDOCK; Historian, LAURENCE DEWEY; Trustees, WALTER KNOX and EDWARD LECK.

Commander Cummings takes office with the hearty good wishes of all that his term will be highly successful. In adjourning the meeting he paid tribute to Walter Knox, our outgoing Commander, under whose leadership and guidance our Chapter enjoyed the best year in its history. Among those present were Clyde Beckwith, Dept. Sec. Fred Hirsch of New Haven, Ed Seery of Hartford, and other YD visitors.

We were also glad to welcome a YD man we don't often see—Capt. Frank McGar, who was Commander of Co. L 102nd Inf. in France, and his second in command, 1st Lt. Samuel Tyler, members of the Purple Heart and members of the local State Guard unit, Co. H were also on hand and members of our other friends were in attendance.

A general good time followed the meeting, with food, refreshment and music. The committee in charge, headed by Harry Adams (as you might have guessed) did a fine piece of work. Other members were, Harry Amneen, Walter Boardman, Edward Leck.

Com. Cummings asks that we all make a special effort to turn out for the Memorial Day Parade. Last year the YD was represented by about 30 and he believes we can do better than that this year.

—C. A. ROYS.

NEW HAVEN
Commander: Fred B. Hirsch
139 Foster St., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Henry J. Dube
265 Gorham Ave., Hamden, Conn.

The turnout at the April business meeting must have done Al Smith's heart good. It was his first night as commander and it was the biggest meeting from the standpoint of attendance we have had in some time. And 47 have already put their dues on the line including several we have not heard from for a number of years. Good luck, Al. We know you will keep step with the pace set by Fred Hirsch. And Fred, by the way, has been unanimously endorsed by the chapter for state department commander. If the department wants action they will get it in Fred.

Present at the meeting were Past Department Commander Barney Clarke, who is now commander of the Norwalk Chapter. We also had as guest, William Perkins, of the 101st Field Artillery, member of the late lamented New Jersey Chapter. If Bill stays here we hope to have him with us.

It was reported that Frank Bacon, a chapter member is now at Camp Shelby, Miss. Frank reupped last month and expects a rating as dental mechanic.

The chapter is sending nifty cards to the members in service along with paid-up dues cards. Most of them are "Down Under." A contribution of $5 was made to the Salvation Army in their current drive for maintenance funds. We can never forget the Sallies.

Very novel charms were passed out to members of the YD Last Man's Club. Fred Hirsch designed the charm and Fred Brown of the New York Chapter made them.

PNC Len Maloney presented the club a striking picture of General McArthur and also a picture of the General Edwards memorial. A high official of Donald Nelson's organization took the trouble to call Maloney on the telephone at night to commend the YD for its patriotic action in donating bronze, set aside for the Memorial. The model will be dedicated and the statue made after the war.

For the Seicheprey exercises on New Haven Green on April 18 the committee headed by Senior Vice Hank Dube secured the Rev. Robert Denton, of St. John's P. E. Church, the Rev. Chas. Kavanagh, of Blessed Sacrament Church, Hamden, and Mayor Murphy for speakers. Father Kavanagh is a brother of the late Major Arthur J. Kavanagh, Co. C, 102nd In. fantry. Len Maloney served as M. C. at the exercises. There was a brief ceremony at the Timmy Ahearn Memorial also.

Ed Malone donated the refreshments for the meeting and Past Commander Hirsch came through with the eats. —L. J. M.

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NORWALK

Commander: Barney T. Clarke
72 Strawberry Hill Rd., Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Herman
3 Alden Ave., E. Norwalk, Conn.

More than 100 members and guests of the Chapter attended the 24th annual Seicheprey Day banquet in Tarlov's Restaurant on Saturday night. Newly elected officers of the local YD were installed.

Former YD National Commander Albert Herman of Alden Avenue was toastmaster. The program opened with a salute to the colors and group singing of "God Bless America." The singing was led by Miss Joan Nylan, contralto of Noroton, accompanied at the piano by Benny Hertz of Norwalk.

Retiring Commander George Golding received a gold YD pin in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the organization during the past year.

New officers installed are, Commander, BARNEY CLARK; senior vice commander, HERMAS POIRIER; junior vice commander, HOWARD ANDERSON; secretary, ALBERT HERMAN; treasurer, HENRY WOODS; sergeant-at-arms, JOHN KVANZ; SAMUEL POLLEY and ANTHONY CARRIONE, trustees for three years.

Short speeches were delivered by Charles Dilworth, Major John Rochek, Hermas Poirier, state commander of Disabled American War Veterans; Guy Richardson of Stamford, Michael "Daddy" O'Brien of Norwalk, George Ross, commander of the Frank C. Godfrey Post American Legion and Congressman Leroy D. Downs.

The banquet is held annually under the auspices of the Norwalk YD to commemorate the first major battle of the first World War when Norwalk's doughboys were the first to engage the German soldiers in decisive struggle. The fighting took place three days and the enemy was pushed back. Six local boys were killed, 15 were captured and 25 were wounded.

Mrs. Sarah John entertained with several recitations. Violin selections were played by John Bergeron.

Guests were present from the New York, New Haven, Bridgeport, and Stamford Chapters.

The committee in charge of the banquet was headed by Al Herman and Sam Polley. In closing we the members of the Norwalk Chapter thank the National and State officers for the very fine co-operation they have given us.

STAMFORD

Commander: Albert M. Baker
Custer St., Stamford, Conn.
Secretary: Clarence E. Caldwell
Gen. Del. Glenbrook, Conn.

Stamford Chapter closed another successful year, and entered upon a new and more successful year with our joint installation of officers, Sunday, April fifth, although this being Easter we had a fine gathering to make the party a success.

Among the good YD men who made the long trip to our city for the occasion were Jr. Vice Commander LAWRANCE LUZIEN, CLYDE BECKWITH, Dept. Sec.; Dr. KEATING, LUKE PIMPEAR, and several from Bridgeport Chapter, also on hand were Past Ntl. Commander AL HERMAN, Past Dept. Commander BARNEY CLARK, and our Gold Star mother, Mrs. Henry.

Jr. Dept. Vice Commander LUZIEN did the installing, assisted by Past Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms PIMPEAR. Thanks, fellows, for a swell job. Mrs. Elliano assisted by Mrs. Golden installed the ladies.

Speeches were few, and short, and after ceremonies were over the ladies served a full course baked ham dinner, with plenty of good beer to wash it down, and dancing was enjoyed well into the evening.

On Monday, April the sixth, we held our regular meeting with twenty members present, and got off to a good start by getting fourteen Re-ups not bad for a start. Plans are being made to have a large delegation from Stamford to take part in the dedication ceremonies, and unveiling of the monument of General Edwards in Hartford on Memorial Day.

After the meeting the ladies served refreshments and a pleasant evening was enjoyed. Remember the latch string is always out at 388 Summer St., first Monday of every month. We are always glad to entertain guests so drop in and see us some time. — C. E. C., Sec.

WILLIMANTIC

"Windham County Chapter"
Commander: Ezeb J. Lapan
53 So. Park St., Willimantic, Ct.
Secretary: W. P. S. Keating, M.D.
12 Potter St., Willimantic, Ct.

The Installation of the officers of Windham County Chapter was held in the Town Hall in Willimantic, April 11th.

Dinner was served before the installation in the G.A.R. Hall down stairs, turkey and all the "trimmins", and was it some dinner, oh boy, I'm tellin' yu", everybody did full justice to it, PADDY HAGGERTY and his committee certainly did a good job. Music was furnished by the orchestra during the dinner, and they gave us some of the old songs.

After the dinner we adjourned to the Hall upstairs, TOM DELANEY was in charge of the meeting, ordinary business was suspended.

LAWRENCE LINDGREN Junior Vice Dept. Commander ably assisted by "Euke" PIMPARE, Past Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms, installed the officers, and they are to be complimented for the good job they did.

The following officers were installed — Commander, EZEB LAPAN; Sr. Vice, MARTIN COHEN; Jr. Vice, WALTER HEWITT; Sec'y., W. P. S. KEATING, M. D.; Treas., ELLIOTT MOSHIER; Historian, GARDINER HALL; Sgt.-at-Arms, EUCLIDE PIMPARE; Trustee, THOS. DELANEY.

After the ceremonies TOM DELANEY turned the gavel over to "ZEB" LAPAN, he introduced the guests. First Selectman Wm. Buck, Mayor Russell Hinman, Arthur Swanson, Past Pres. Jas. J. Shea Post, Am. L., who presented "Zeb" with a fine brief case. Floyd Howe, Commander Gold Star Post, V.F.W., Earl Bergen, Past Com. R. I. Dept., Present Commander of Kent Co. Chapter OLIVER LEWIS.

GARDINER HALL, Past Dept. Comm. of Ct., promised one hundred per cent support to the incoming officers.

The side room was rather a popular hang out, "My, My" but the suds with the topping of foam was good, and a stray quantity of "Spts of Frumenti" found its way in, and if you can't keep the spirits up, you can put them down, do you get me?

An entertainment was furnished and the evening was topped off with dancing.

— W. P. S. KEATING,
Secretary.

NUTMEG NOTES

Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES A. SPRAGUE, the youngest of that rank in the U. S. Army, was recently awarded the D.S.C. by General Brett, and has since been reported missing in action while leading his pursuit squadron over Bali in the Battle of Java against the Japanese. He is the son of Connecticut Department Americanization Officer Dr. CHARLES H. SPRAGUE.

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Waterbury Chapter's Seicheprey dinner at Hotel Elton was a fine YD affair. The flag ceremony, presented with the National anthem and the bugle notes, was impressive and inspiring. The boys were more serious this year. Commander LADUE's son was somewhere in the Pacific. Others were thinking of sons gone to war. Even the toastmaster was back in army uniform.

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New London Chapter is 100% for national defense. Commander EARL LYON is captain of auxiliary police and several of his comrades are officers in the organization, all of them with the determination to help protect the submarine base on other important defense industries.

— SEE-BEE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Commander: Nathan D. Golden, 4000 Cathedral Ave., Washington

CHICAGO

Commander: William H. Keyes
5452 Glenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary: John Klockowski
2205 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Outgoing Comm's Party, Wed., June 10, Civil Service Post, 155 N. Clark St.

Greetings to all Chapter and members of the Y.D.V.A. from Chicago. We had our first meeting of the 1942 season last week, and those that attended were very enthusiastic about our program for the year, and all agreed that they enjoyed the evening very much. Those present were KEYES, KLOCKOWSKI, LEE, O'CONNEL, HUBBARD, SETTER, CRAFTON, KENTWORTZ, CROSWELL, DORN, MORRISSEY, and NAPE. And in keeping with our policy to include the women folks at our affairs, our table was graced by the presence of the Mrs. Kentwortz, Morrissey, Keyes, Setter, Dorn, and Klockowski.

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We met at Ray Dorn's place on N. Clark St., and the meeting got under way at about 8.30. Called to order by the Comm., all formalities were dispensed with, and we went right to work. Discussed our coming Outgoing Commander's Party, and after various ideas were gone into, it was decided to give up the Allerton Hotel, and hold the Party in the rooms of the Civil Service Post, American Legion, at 155 N. Clark St. We decided that we would charge one dollar, ($1.00) per person, and we would furnish all the lunch and beer that one might want. JOHN LEE is to be given credit for the idea, as he has been to the meeting rooms of the C. S. Post, and assures us that they will do very nicely for our party.

The picnic was brought up, but after some discussion, it was voted to table the whole thing. We finally gave our P. C. HUBBARD a check, so I have the pleasure of informing the world that we have our bills paid, and the large sum of four bucks left in the old kick.

Chicago members please take notice. Some time ago, the Chicago Chapter purchased eight silk arm bands, (YD), and eight members also purchased same. These were for the members who attended funeral services of our departed members. The Club is desirous of knowing where these arm bands are, so that in case of necessity, we could use them. Will any member having one of these, kindly notify the Secretary, JOHN KLOCKOWSKI. It was decided that the following members would take care of the graves of our departed members as follows:

KLOCKOWSKI, Mt. Carmel and Resurrection cemeteries; KOSATKA, Oak Ridge; KEYES, Bohemian National; LEE, St. Joseph's; CROWELL and HUBBARD, Calvary. The members will go to the cemeteries some time during the week preceeding Decoration Day, and paint the YD Markers with a coat of bronze paint, and put a small American Flag on the grave.

We then voted to adjourn, and Mrs. Dorn set the table. We had baked ham, hot German potato salad, hard rolls, olives and pickles, and coffee. It was just about the best that I have ever had, and everyone that was there decided the same. Fifty cents apiece was collected from the men, and given to RAY DORN. Ray had furnished everything, and what we collected just paid for the ham. Ray wanted to do something for the club, so he furnished everything else. Nice going, Ray. Those of you who didn't show up really missed a nice evening, and all of the women are coming to the next meeting. And don't forget: Wednesday, June 10th, Outgoing Commander's Party. Civil Service Post Hall, 155 N. Clark St., 8 P. M. Tickets $1.00 per person.

— BILL KEYES.

CLEVELAND

"Ohio Chapter"
Commander: William P. O'Connor
15606 Delrey Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: Herbert Riehl
9418 Gibson Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

The regular monthly get-together meeting of the Ohio Chapter was held on Sunday, April 19th, at its usual meeting place, Lightfoot Bros. Post, VFW, 2417 Prospect Ave. At this meeting plans were made for the organization's participation in the big war bond parade to be held in Cleveland on the evening of April 30th. The commander named HARRY SCHNELL as chairman of the parade committee. A party to be held in the near future and celebrating our fifth anniversary as a YD chapter was also planned. It promises to be similar to the parties we have always had and always enjoyed. Watch your mail for notices of this party.

JAMES V. CAPPE, one of our active members, was recently installed as Commander of Woodland Hills Post, VFW. It was also reported that W. E. HEISS and CLAUDE F. COLE have also been installed as officers in their VFW posts.

Eastport papers please copy: EASTMAN FONTAINE has been found and is now a member of the Ohio Chapter.

JOHN E. MCKERNAN, Commander of an American Legion post in Cincinnati, has joined the Ohio Chapter's ranks; and so has good, old GUY E. MOSHER, formerly an indispensable member of Co. L, 101st Infantry.

— HERBERT RIEHL,
Secretary.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.
Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

On Easter Sunday, one of the gang saw a likely looking chap in uniform, in one of our downtown restaurants. He was a wearer of the YD, so naturally the old timer went over and had a talk with him. Found that he was Chas. T.

Logan, a nephew of General Logan of YD fame. He was invited to attend our next meeting which was held on April 20th. He came and we enjoyed having him with us and he seemed glad to be with us too.

Received our dues notices recently. Among them was a card for GEORGE H. YOUNG and the address was that of a local hotel. Called him up just before the meeting, sure he'd be over; so we had the pleasure of his company too. He is a member of the Washington, D. C. post, is an employee of the Census Bureau.

RAY NORTON was there too. Ray runs the Lewiston Hotel and brought along one of his guests, also a former YD'er, (101st Engineers), none other than JACK CONLEY, a member of the "grunt and groan" brigade. He did not stay until the close of the meeting as he was one of the principals in a local "wrestling match". Oh yes, he lost, on a foul, slugged his opponent.

VETTER visited Fitzsimons Hospital on Easter Sunday. Had a nice little visit with MURRAY. BOB MCLAUGHLIN was home on pass.

The election of officers was postponed until next month.

If any of the boys of the old YD have kin folk or friends especially if they are members of the new YD, who might be attending school at Fitzsimons Hospital, have them look us up.

We meet the 3rd Monday of every month at the Jewel Steak House, 17th and Broadway in down-town Denver.

Others present were "ROCKY", CHAPIN, VETTER, GOEDELMANN, NORTON, LOEB, and MURRAY. — A. G. V.

NEW YORK

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The monthly Get-together Dinner and Meeting was held April 28th at the Prince George Hotel. Both the dinner and meeting was well attended and very interesting. Commander RALPH TURGEON called the meeting to order. Opening Prayer by JOE "Buck" O'BRIEN. Comrade JOHN FOLEY then introduced a Mr. Dougherty from Boston, Comrade BILL SAVAGE introduced his brother Albert, Comrade JIM POTTER introduced Mr. William Stewart and Comrade JIM DONOVAN introduced Captain HYMAN DODD a World War flier. Commander TURGEON introduced Captains Falls, Cunningham and Morrisch of the British Army Staff who are over here on an important mission. The British Army Captains gave us a very interesting picture of conditions on the other side.

The Commander then introduced Dr. Alexander W. Armour who spoke on Modern Philanthropy. This talk of Dr. Armour's was indeed interesting. Secretary LONERGAN then reported that the Paid-up members were very near the 50 mark for the first month.

HERBERT HESS and DONALD MORRILL are now in California.

Chapter Convention Chairman ED NELSON, P.C., reported on Registrations and several more signed up at the meeting.

Secretary LONERGAN reported on his visit to Springfield, Mass., where he placed a deposit on rooms in the Charles Hotel, for our N. Y. Headquarters. He also spoke on the Dedication of General (Daddy) EDWARDS statue in Hartford, Conn., on Decoration Day, May 30th. Quite a few members promised to be on hand in Hartford. Comrade HENRY CHOQUET then introduced Mr. Grivan, a former Captain in the Russian Imperial Army during the First World War, who spoke on conditions in Russia as he knew them before the Revolution there. Comrade ED WRITER of our Entertainment Committee secured the latest in War Movies and they were shown by Commander TURGEON while refreshments were served. The next meeting of the Chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, May 26th, same place, same time. This will be a very "Important" meeting and you are all urged to attend if humanly possible. A big "Surprise" is in store for those who can attend. Order your Reserved Seat now. Be seeing you at the meeting. Bring along your Beret.

— HAROLD B. F. LONERGAN,
Secretary.

WASHINGTON

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The April meeting got under way at LEN AHEARN'S, with the following on hand: AHEARN, BOYER, BURR, CARSON, CASWELL, GOLDEN, GLUECK, HUTCHINS, JORDAN, MCMANUS, NOR-

TON, QUEENIN, SMALL, SMITH, and WHITE. And in addition, it was a real treat to welcome the return of Gen. (Hap) GLASSFORD, who is back in active service as Lt. Colonel, Provo Martial Office, with station at Arlington Cantonment. Also Major KEN JOHNSON of the Signal Corps legal department was with us, as was Jack Connolly, Rockfeller news reel executive.

After a round of gum-batting we finally got to the job of electing officers for the year 1942-43. Without speeches, cigars or electioneering the following were tagged: Commander, MAURICE WHITE; First Vice-Commander, ERICK ERICKSON; Second Vice-Commander, LEVI ST. PETER; Treasurer, DAVE STAMBLER; Secretary, NATE GOLDEN; Chaplain, RAY QUEENIN, and Trustees, PAUL HUTCHINS, JOHN CASWELL, and BYRON CARSON.

Thereupon, the rush for Mrs. Len's buffet took place.

The Club's annual dinner and installation party took place in April at the American Legion home, 2437 - 15th St., N.W. Between 50 and 60 of the boys, their wives and their friends gathered around. This year's get-together was somewhat stream-lined in view of the war effort which keeps many of the boys hanging over the work bench in the government departments well into the night hours, regardless of the day of the week. Nevertheless, a real pleasant evening was chalked up with plenty of singing and story telling, with RAY QUEENIN in the m.c. chair. The incoming Commander MAURICE WHITE put on a pep talk and we also had the pleasure of hearing from Lt. Hathaway of the Navy (he was a YD'er in World War I) and from real old timer DAN CAMPBELL. All in all we had a darn good time.

But the real treat of the season was served on Tuesday the 14th. Three lovely girls (professionally the "Murphy Sisters") daughters of RAY MACNICHOLL, Past Commander of the Stamford, Connecticut, YD'ers, who were making their appearance at the Capitol, Washington's swankiest theatre, journeyed over to Arlington with a group of D.C. YD'ers and placed a floral remembrance from the Stamford boys on the grave of General EDWARDS. It was a beautiful day, made more so by the presence of Ray's girls. The "Murphy Sisters", Marge, Muriel and Dottie do a swell piece of harmonizing and get more encore calls (we saw and heard) than time permits them to do. So, please come again real soon "kids" and bring Mom and Pop.

— C. J. McM.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with the 101st . . . Donald Francis (K Co.) is living in East Hartford, Conn. Jack Coughlin, president of the 101st Asso. was a speaker at the dinner they gave the National Commander of the D.A.V. . . . He was introduced by Al (Ciggie) Sears, H Co., the State Comm. . . . Jack also extended 101st greetings at the business meeting of the 104th at Gloucester. . . . John Wallace (M Co.) is an immigration inspector and lives in Alburg, Vt. Harold Davison (Supply) a lawyer resides in Woodsville, N. H.

Heard from Hollis Church (Hdgts) out in Cleveland, Ohio. . . . Stanley Dickinson (E Co.), works for Ford in Detroit. . . . William Morrison (Hdgts) is a Food Broker in York, Penn. Jim Feeley, president of H Co. Association, is now the captain of H Co., Mass. State Guard. Capt. Bill Clark (F Co.) has gone into the regular Army. . . . F. H. Howe (Med) is sick at his home in Newton . . . On Wed., April 22, election of officers were held by the members of B Co. . . . The following were elected: Pres. Al. Page, Vice-Pres. Billie Burke, Sec. George McDonald, Treas. Joe Galligan and Sgt.-at-Arms Louis Runkel. . . . Jimmie Moran (I Co.) is located out in Los Angeles, Cal.

— JIM POWERS.

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CHARLES E. HICKEY, E Co., 104th Inf., passed away in Fitchburg, Mass., April 23rd and burial was in Leominster.

New Haven reports the deaths of IRVING HAWKES, no outfit given, in 1940; and the death of EDMUND F. SOUTHERTON, no outfit given, in 1939.

ALBERT WOODS, F Co., 104th Inf., is reported to have passed away on April 11th. No details given.

JAMES C. CLEMENT, Batt. D, 103rd F.A., died on April 16th, at his home at Raymond, N. H. His death came as a great shock since he had been enjoying excellent health. He operated a large poultry farm here and leaves a wife and son. Six members of his old battery acted as pall bearers at his funeral.

GROVER C. HARLOW, SR., Co. M, 102nd Inf., of Willimantic, Conn., died on April 25th. Members of Windham County Chapter attended the burial services.

JOSEPH A. GALLANT, outfit not given, passed away recently. Since friends attended from Fitchburg, Mass., it is assumed that he was from that town although the news clipping submitted was not marked with date or place.

PATRICK P. HUGHES, Batt. A, 102nd Field Artillery, died April 26th, at the Hale Hospital, Haverhill, after a long illness. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American and World War I. Returned a first sergeant of A Battery. Funeral was from St. James Church and military honors were in charge of Commander W. PERRY Tarleton.

ANDREW ROTHERY, Co. D, 102nd Inf., died on April 15 at the New Haven, (Conn.) Hospital. He served with Co. D, Second Conn., Inf., on the Border and had been employed for years as a tool setter at the Winchester Arms Co. He is survived by his wife and a son.

WILLIAM B. GAGNOBIN, Headquarters Troop, passed away in Boston on April 11. No details.

PAUL D. STACOFFE, former member of Battery E, 103rd Field Artillery, died suddenly at his home in New Haven on May 3rd. Paul was a member of New Haven Chapter, YDVA, Hughson Post, No. 71, of the American Legion, the Governor's Foot Guard, YD Drum and Bugle Corps and Voiture 328 of the 40 and 8. Burial was in East Lawn Cemetery, East Haven.

Charles T. CROSSMAN, Captain, Supply Co., 101st Inf., passed away on July 12. No details.

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CLYDE ELLIOTT A CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER

Announcement is made of the candidacy of CLYDE ELLIOTT, Milford Chapter, for the office of National Commander and a petition signed by twenty comrades requests that his name be put on the ballot and due notice made of it in YANKEE DOINGS.

We regret that the petition arrived after proofs were in for this month's issue, hence this announcement on the last page. His many friends will rejoice that he is again running and we wish the best of luck to our two comrades who are making the race.

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FOXBORO
Commander: Fred Knight
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FRED KNIGHT who was cook in C Company of the 103rd Infantry invented that now well known delicacy "burlap pudding" was re-elected commander of the Foxboro chapter at the May meeting, a get-together that was one of the most successful in many moons and which saw a lot of newcomers.

WINTHROP LAUFF, who has recovered from his recent illness was elected senior vice commander. WINTHROP MANDELL, the jovial gentleman farmer from Millis, formerly of the 26th Division Headquarters staff was elected junior-vice; WARREN CARBERG, Medway, secretary; BERT ASHBY, another divisional headquarters man, treasurer; MATTHEW PHELAN, Norfolk, chaplain; and FRANK KENNEDY, Holliston, sergeant-at-arms. The new trustees are, ARTHUR ANDERSON, Foxboro; FRANK J. HALEY, Medfield and GEORGE COOPER, Mansfield.

Comrade MANDELL suggested that resolutions be presented at the state and national conventions urging that a memorial to General Edwards be erected on the State House grounds.

The suggestion by Comrade MANDELL while not an entirely new one is still good and should be one of the aims of the old division before it slips into history. The memorial has been suggested many times. It seems highly fitting as Comrade MANDELL suggests that a memorial fitting the dignity and importance of the YD and the "Old Man" should stand side by side with those generals of the Civil war. It is hoped that Past National Commander APPLEBY will be present at the annual installation at the June meeting in the absence of National Commander ELIOT CARTER, who has been called to active duty.

A. P. O.

HARRY E. DALEY, formerly of Co. C, 102nd Infantry is doing all right for himself in Pittsburgh, Pa. Harry is manager of the Mueller macaroni factory there. His address is 646 Royce Ave., Mt. Lebanon.

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PERCY "Buck" BARNES, Co. F, 102nd Infantry, than whom there never was a doggier drum major, is angling for a captaincy in Army Air Force administration.

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ELMER BRACKETT, one-time sergeant in the 101st Inf., is on leave from the Detroit Police Dept., and is now a captain and in training at Miami Beach.

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Sergeant Gardner Watts, son of our Nat. Secretary has been accepted as a candidate for the Air Corps Administrative Officers School. Gardner has been in a bomber squadron on the Pacific coast as an aerial photographer until he passed his exams with flying colors.

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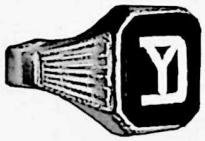

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